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**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Kai Tak Plan**

A DECISION by the Hong Kong Government on the extension of the main runway at Kai Tak airport can be expected within the next few months—a decision primarily, if not wholly, intended to give Hongkong landing facilities for the biggest jet airliners so far designed. This will involve the spending of almost \$90 million in the course of the next four or five years of which about half may well have to be financed out of current revenue. Indeed, unless a loan is secured (additional to the \$48 million expected from the Home Government for this scheme) the Kai Tak extension, together with the Tai Lam Chung Dam and other essential development projects may require an increase in the Colony's taxation rates in the not too distant future. Quite apart from the financial considerations the present plans entail a major feat of engineering. They envisage a central runway 7,500 feet long and 700 to 750 feet wide jutting out into Kowloon Bay and require a \$3 million dredging operation to make the extension possible.

It is pertinent to ask at this stage whether Government experts are considering the latest developments in aviation reported recently to the effect that in both America and Britain definite progress has been made towards an aircraft which can take off and land vertically in a space no greater than that required by a helicopter. Cabled reports from Washington state the US Navy will announce this week the development of two propeller turbine fighters which will be able to do just that. Towards the end of last year the Managing Director of A.V. Roe and Co., Sir Roy Dobson, said vertical take-offs by jet liners would be possible in the near future. While American developments are so far confined to propeller turbine aircraft the cables claim the American Air Force had a similar project under way for pure jet aircraft.

REALISING the speed with which new aviation developments have succeeded one another in recent years, has Government considered that by the time Kai Tak boasts of a runway long enough to take the biggest jet airliner in the world, it may no longer be required because vertical take-off and landing by that time may be a reality? It is recalled that although Sir Francis Whittle's first jet fighter flew in 1939, by 1943 De Havilland were already planning the application of jets to civil airliners and had not the war prevented a start being made on this project until 1946 the advent of the Comet might well have been hastened by several years. It may be taken for granted that if this new development can be applied to fighters it will not be long before it is incorporated in airliners both of the propeller turbine type (of which there are many) and the pure jet. It is a truism, in the aviation world that each new plane designed today becomes obsolescent almost immediately in the light of successive developments. This applied, for instance, to the first series of the Comet, for before this aircraft was flying two new and bigger Comets were on the design boards. Necessarily development of airport facilities must keep up as fast as can with new aviation trends and it might be wise if Hongkong's planning authorities consulted overseas experts on this question of vertical take-off first, before committing themselves to the present plans. For these may prove to be a waste of time and money in the years to come.

**AMERICA'S H-BOMB DISCLOSURE**

**Can Be Delivered To Any Part Of World**

**MAR. 1 TEST REVEALED**

Washington, Mar. 16. Mr W. Sterling Cole, Chairman of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, said tonight that the United States had the hydrogen bomb and could deliver it anywhere in the world. Previous official statements had referred only to a "hydrogen device."

Mr Cole, who made the statement when appearing on a television programme, said: "We have planes that can carry any weapon we have to any part of the world" from overseas bases.

There was, however, no American plane capable of carrying weapons non-stop around the world.

American military officials had earlier claimed that their present global network of advanced air bases would permit modern aircraft to hit all main Soviet targets.

Mr Cole predicted that within 10 years several atomic reactors or power plants would probably be producing electricity for commercial use.—*Reuter*.

**Israel-Arab War "Inevitable"**

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 16. The Israeli Army Chief of Staff, General Moshe Dayan, said here today that war between Israel and the Arab countries was inevitable.

Speaking at a gathering of reserve officers' day in Tel-Aviv, he said war was inevitable, but it was not known when it would start. He asserted that Arab states were concentrating all their energy on a plan to annihilate Israel.

The Arab states, General Dayan said, were now trying to weaken Israel through a blockade. The Red Sea port of Eilat, he added, must be open to Israel-bound ships, and the Egyptian blockade against that port could not be permitted.

Israel, said General Dayan, must have modern arms even if it meant sacrifices in other spheres.

The Israeli Minister of the Interior, Mr Rokach, also spoke at a former officers' meeting in Tel-Aviv today, saying that Syria could not interfere with Israel's full sovereignty over the Sea of Galilee. Israel guaranteed free fishing on Lake Tiberias to all its citizens, said Mr Rokach.—*France-Press*.

**Found Poisoned**

Locarno, Mar. 16. Mrs Erika Canaris, the widow of Admiral Canaris, the German secret service leader, who was murdered by the Nazis, has been taken to hospital here suffering from poisoning, it was reported today.

It was understood that her condition was causing anxiety. She is 61 years old.—*France-Press*.

**"Killer" Panther At Large Near Los Angeles**

Los Angeles, Mar. 16. Eerie screams that "sounded like a cat but only more so" early today sent policemen into a wooded area north of Los Angeles in a search for an escaped black panther.

Two policemen heard the screams several times after they were summoned to the area by a man trembling with fright. Other officers who had been searching in a residential section about four miles away where the missing 140-pound "killer" cat was reported seen last night, were called in on the new search.

Officers armed with shotguns plunged into the wooded area but failed to find the black cat.

**500 HIROSHIMAS**

New York, Mar. 16. Time magazine said today the United States exploded in the Pacific on March 1 a "thermonuclear device" with 500 times the power of the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima.

The weekly news magazine said the March 1 test "makes all its predecessors look like a string of one-inch candles."

It said a November 1953 test produced a fireball 23 miles in diameter with a force calculated at 5,000,000 tons of TNT or 250 times the force of the Hiroshima atomic bomb.

"The force of the (March 1) explosion," Time said, "probably exceeded 10 megatons (500 Hiroshimas). It sent a radioactive cloud billowing 20 miles. In the thin air of the stratosphere, it seems likely, the cloud slumped over like water tossed from a bucket."

"Twenty-eight US observers and 230 natives of local islands had been evacuated to what had been considered a completely safe refuge, but the unexpected 'fall-out' showered them with radioactive particles. Their exposure to radiation was 10 times greater than scientists deem safe."

"The 1954 blast upset plans for the formal test shot, which will be witnessed by the Atomic Energy Commission, the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Commission, and Dr Edward Teller, the scientist principally responsible for the thermonuclear weapon."

"While scientists feverishly recalculated their data and tried to explain the unexpected force of the big blast, the formal test was postponed for a few days. That test, in which a thermonuclear device will be dropped from the bays of a B-36 on the shrouds of a huge parachute to give the plane time to get out of its way, is expected to duplicate the March 1 explosion."

United Press.

**UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT**

Washington, Mar. 16. At his news conference today, the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, said that the reported burning by radiation of 23 Japanese fishermen in the Central Pacific is an unfortunate accident.

Mr Dulles said that he only learned of the incident this morning and had no information himself as to what took place. He declined to make any further comment at this time.

Mr Dulles was replying to a question as to whether the United States would entertain a Japanese claim for compensation for the fishermen who, according to reports, were exposed to radiation from American atomic tests in the Pacific.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry, Mr Dulles was told, has said that Japan might ask for compensation. Mr Dulles has just returned from an inter-American conference at Caracas and said that he has only now learned of the matter and has no information on how the unfortunate accident came about, assuming that the facts are as reported.

**IN SERIOUS CONDITION**

Tokyo, Mar. 17. Doctors treating 23 Japanese fishermen whose boat was shrouded with radioactive "ash" from an atomic bomb explosion near Bikini on March 1 said today condition of five of the men was "serious."

All 23 are now in hospital at orders of Japanese health authorities. Two are in Tokyo University hospital and the remainder are in the Kyoritsu hospital in Yokohama, home port of their 99-ton fishing boat No. 5 Fukuryu Maru.

The fishermen received burns and lesions on the head and other exposed parts after the full of white ash from the atomic explosion smothered their clothing.

Doctors said today the men's condition began to deteriorate last night and five were "in a serious condition." The hair of about half the patients began to fall out, while lesions and burns started to swell on others.

A party of scientists investigating the fishing boat at Yokohama reported the fishermen showed reactions to the ash. They decided that the boat was now unusable and must be burned at sea after investigations were completed.—*Reuter*.

**Cairo Radio's Allegation**

London, Mar. 17. Cairo Radio last night quoted a Saudi Arabian communiqué as saying British troops had opened fire in the Buraimi oasis area, killing one Arab.

The Buraimi oasis, reported to be rich in oil, lies on the ill-defined border between Saudi Arabia and the Oman coast, whose sultans were said to be British protection until their treaties.

**They Still Don't Believe Us**

London, Mar. 16. Mr Henry Strauss, the Under Secretary of the Board of Trade, said today in a written reply to a parliamentary question that goods imported into the United Kingdom and marked "British Empire made" were liable to forfeiture if the description was false.

He was replying to a question by Conservative Member N. H. Spence, who asked "what steps are being taken to ensure that textile goods imported into the United Kingdom from Hongkong and marked 'British Empire made' are in fact manufactured there?"

**Indo-China Battle**

**NEW REBEL ASSAULT AWAITED**

Salgon, Mar. 16. The hard-pressed garrison of Dien Bien Phu, French Union fortress in Northern Indo-China, steel-ed themselves tonight for another mass assault by Vietminh rebels — now within half a mile of their main defences.

The Vietminh attack was expected within 24 hours.

French bombers flew through driving rain and mist today to pound rebel concentrations with high explosive and napalm; while transport planes dropped ammunition and supplies to the French and Vietnamese defenders.

Others aircraft ferried troops from Laos and other parts of Indo-China into the Red River delta, 175 miles from Dien Bien Phu, as the French High Command prepared to throw new reinforcements into the all-out battle.

Since the attack opened on Saturday the crack rebel troops surrounding the fortified Dien Bien Phu valley have stormed two resistance centres. They now control the northern approaches.

**RAY DEADLY**

But the French claim they paid dearly for their success. A French Army spokesman said the rebels lost 2,000 dead yesterday in their assault on an outpost three miles north of the fortress. This was in addition to 1,500 killed on Sunday night and 500 when the French counter-attacked yesterday morning.

A full in ground fighting was reported today. Officers here said they thought the rebels were "licking their wounds" resting and regrouping for the next stage of their bid to capture the fortress.

The High Command announced tonight that the railway line between Hanoi and its supply port of Haiphong, cut by a rebel raid, had been repaired. The railway is a vital link for the French forces in Tonkin.

The second of the battalion strength outposts guarding the northern entrance to the 11 mile long Dien Bien Phu valley was evacuated yesterday morning, after a 40 hour assault by the rebels. Its survivors fell back on the main defence positions.

The 150 yards length of this isolated stronghold on a bare brown hilltop, stripped of all vegetation, was honeycombed with trenches and dugouts.

At the time of the French withdrawal, there were at least 1,500 rebel corpses strewn around the barbed wire defence of this hill alone. It was officially reported here.

The first outpost — on the northeastern rim of the valley — fell on Sunday.

**VIETMINH CLAIMS**

The Vietminh rebel radio claimed today that rebel forces had reduced Dien Bien Phu to a "completely isolated pocket."

The broadcast quoted the Vietminh Commander-in-Chief, General Vo Nguyen Giap, as saying the "greatest battles against fortress positions have been launched" by his troops were being waged round the fortress.

The radio accused the French Commander-in-Chief, General Henri Navarre, of trying to "cut off the main supply lines."

**MCCARTHY v. ARMY HEARINGS**

**Senator From Wisconsin To Take A Back Seat**

Washington, Mar. 16. The Senate Investigations Sub-Committee voted today to explore at public hearings, with the witnesses under oath, the charges and counter-charges between Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin), its Chairman, and Army officials.

Senator McCarthy himself agreed to take a seat in the background — with Senator Mundt sitting as the acting chairman.

Senator Mundt presided at the closed door meeting at which five resolutions were adopted, setting up the ground rules.

Senator Mundt announced the sub-committee's decision at a news conference which all members attended.

At his direction a stenographer who had attended the hearings to keep the official record, read from his notes resolutions which declared:

1. That the sub-committee would run the inquiry.
2. That "all sworn testimony would be taken in public sessions."
3. That Senator Mundt as Acting Chairman of the inquiry, would be empowered "to employ such counsel and staff" as he deemed necessary under the rules of the sub-committee.

Senator Mundt's selection must be confirmed by a majority vote of the sub-committee.

The resolution also declared that the staff must be "acceptable to and responsible to" Democratic members as well as Republicans.

4. That the sub-committee should "proceed to the holding of these public hearings... to the exclusion of all other hearings."

5. That the sub-committee should adjourn until next Tuesday at 3.30 p.m. GMT, when Senator Mundt would report what had been done about hiring the staff.

Meanwhile the Republican National Committee, which helped prepare the text of Vice President Richard Nixon's remarks when he criticised Senator McCarthy in a radio television talk last Saturday night, is apparently avoiding scheduling Senator McCarthy as a party speaker in future.

**Joins In Hunger Strike**

An American woman journalist, Charlotte Weller, was participating in a strike tonight along with nine Egyptian feminists with a view to obtaining women's suffrage.

Mrs Weller, the wife of the Rome correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, arrived here yesterday as part of a cruise on the steamship Independence when she learned that "the daughters of the Nile" had been on a hunger strike for women's suffrage for four days.

She asked the President of the Feminist Foundation, Doria Shaul, if she could join them. She has confined herself to a diet of water with a few drops of lemon juice. She informed her fellow strikers, however, that she would stay with them only until Thursday, when the independence is due to leave on the next stage of its cruise.

Meanwhile, about 20 suffragettes sought a meeting with the Egyptian President, Mohamed Naguib, today while he was meeting with a number of the Revolutionary Council and the Cabinet.

The women, who wanted to present a petition to the President, were stopped by the Police. Three of them were allowed to wait for President Naguib in an adjoining room.

Mrs Weller told an AFP correspondent that she wanted Egyptian women to know that American women were with them.—*France-Press*.

**Department Store Fire**

New York, Mar. 16. Fire broke out today on the 10th floor of Macy's, the world's largest department store, and 100 employees were evacuated temporarily from office sections while most of the customers shopped below unaware of the fire.

Smoke billowed into the sides in mid-Manhattan, drawing a huge crowd in the streets below. On the first floor there was some alarm and customers left hastily as persons rushed in from the street to tell them the building appeared to be burning.

There was no panic, however, and there were no injuries. The two-alarm blaze started in an air conditioning unit. Fire equipment (lamped) of the city's fire department centres.

The police dispatched a dozen radio patrol cars to help clear traffic congestion which impeded the movement of the fire-fighting equipment.

The fire department reported the fire was under control in a short time.—*United Press*.

**Rush To Adopt Abandoned Baby**

Melbourne, Mar. 17. Melbourne Police Headquarters have had more than 100 phone calls in 24 hours from people wanting to adopt a four-month-old baby boy who was found abandoned in a fruitbox in the city.

Two women claimed they were the child's mothers but their descriptions did not resemble the woman the police are searching for.

The police believe the mother may have abandoned the child while she looks for work and will claim him before he becomes a ward of the state.

They said the baby, if unclaimed would become a ward after three months and could then be legally adopted.—*China Mail Special*.

**Special Guard For Churchills**

London, Mar. 16. Sir Winston and Lady Churchill were kept under unceasing watch by armed guards from today, following the receipt of an anonymous letter threatening the life of the Prime Minister's wife.

The letter, posted in London, was sent to the Prime Minister's official residence, No. 10, Downing Street.

Scotland Yard detectives fear that it has "a ring of truth" which is menacing from letters usually sent to Sir Winston Churchill, threatening reprisals to Britain's fight against the Mau Mau in Kenya.

Believing the threatened assassination might be attempted, Commander Leonard Burt, Chief of Scotland Yard's special branch, has ordered extra plain clothes police to guard the Downing Street house and the Prime Minister's country house at Westminster, Kent.

Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the Home Secretary, and Sir John Nott Bower, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, are said to have conferred with the Prime Minister before deciding to strengthen normal security precautions.

The letter is now being examined for fingerprints and other clues at its source.—*Reuter*.

**Spurned Wooer Throws Grenade**

Rome, Mar. 16. Filippo Cardellini, 62, was arrested yesterday on charges of throwing a hand grenade at 44-year-old Cecilia Dorazzi because she ignored his wooing.

She was only slightly injured by the explosion.—*United Press*.

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# MORE EAST-WEST TRADE FORECAST

## Economists' Reports To Randall Commission Released

Washington, Mar. 16. The world appears to be at the threshold of a new increase in East-West trade, according to a staff report of the Randall Commission on foreign economic policy which was published today.

This prospect was attributed on the one hand to the surpluses of agricultural and industrial products which are now accumulating in the free world and, on the other hand, to the indication that countries of the Soviet bloc are again interested in purchasing consumer goods.

The Randall Commission, which is about to disband, published 60 technical papers by professional economists which guided discussions culminating in the formal report made to President Eisenhower and Congress in January this year.

These papers are not in themselves statements of policy, but their analyses and data were expected to have some influence on the Eisenhower Administration and Congress in the evolution of a permanent foreign economic programme. The White House has not yet transmitted the definitive programme to Congress, but the Randall report has been studied in many departments.

The Randall Commission staff report said the interest of the Soviet bloc in consumer goods has been indicated by purchases of 20,000,000 pounds of Danish butter, some tens of thousands tons of Cuban sugar, large amounts of French textiles, a considerable quantity of Australian wool, and large quantities of United States cotton.

The Soviet bloc was said to have indicated interest also in free world meat and hides, tobacco, milk and other edibles, and in refrigerator ships and fishing vessels.

The Soviet bloc, the report said, is again offering manganese to the United States and Western Europe, and has made petroleum sales to numerous countries including Sweden, Argentina and Israel.

The repeated efforts of Soviet bloc agents to circumvent the West's trade controls is a further indication of their (the controls) effectiveness, the staff paper said.

The latest shift in Soviet bloc trade policy, however, has

## Inconsequential Effect

The Randall Commission's staff said the United States in 1951 imported merchandise valued at \$10,800,000,000 of which about \$6,000,000,000 entered duty free.

In the hypothetical event of the United States tariff system being suspended, there would be an inconsequential effect on free-list commodities, which include coffee, natural rubber, newsprint, paper, unmanufactured copper, cocoa, tin, vegetable fibres, undressed furs and fertilizer materials.

About 40 per cent of the dutiable imports would not be noticeably affected by the suspension of tariffs. This group includes petroleum, cut diamonds, birch, lumber, nickel and lead.

"Tariffs are relatively unimportant to the trade in these commodities," the papers said. As to the remaining 60 per cent of dutiable imports, tariff suspension might possibly have the following effects:

A minimum increase of \$673,600,000, a maximum increase of \$1,434,700,000 annually in the 1951 imports base of \$2,144,900,000 affecting linoleum (from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands), cotton hosiery (from France and the United Kingdom), woollens and worsteds (United Kingdom), and apparel (wool largely from Australia).

**BIGGEST CHANGE**  
In the machinery and vehicle group the biggest changes would be in full-fashioned hosiery, knitting machines (United Kingdom), bicycles (United Kingdom and Germany), and sewing machines (Japan, Germany, Italy), the papers said.

In the miscellaneous group, they added, the changes would be in clocks (France, Switzerland and Germany), optical instruments (Japan, Germany and France), and toys and dolls (Japan, United Kingdom, and Germany).

The Randall Commission staff reports said the United States was at present importing about 1,000,000 barrels of oil daily, including:

(Crude) oil imports of about 918,000 barrels per day, of which about 224,000 barrels per

## UK Tobacco Companies' Grant For Cancer Research

London, Mar. 16. The Medical Research Council has received the first instalment of the £250,000 offered by British tobacco companies for research into the relationship between smoking and lung cancer. It was announced here today.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Mr John Bevin, told the House of Commons that the Council, a government sponsored body, had accepted the tobacco companies' offer and the money would be paid annually in seven equal instalments.

In a discussion on air pollution, Mr Norman Dodds (Labour) said: "There is informed evidence that smoke and smog can cause cancer or have some effect on cancer."

Mr Ernest Marples, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Housing, replied that the government committee on air pollution was in close touch with the Medical Research Council, which comprised the greatest experts on how smog affected cancer.—Reuter.

## "Purged Heretics" Returning To Power In Russia

(By Don Dallas, Former Reuter's Correspondent in Moscow)

London, Mar. 17. Political "heretics" of the Stalin era are re-emerging in powerful posts in Premier Georgi Malenkov's old regime. This trend was emphasised today with the appointment of philosopher Georgi F. Alexandrov to the post of Soviet Minister of Culture.

Alexandrov was dropped in 1947 for giving too much credit to "bourgeois" philosophers in a book on West European philosophy.

He had been awarded a Stalin Prize for the book, but later Andrei Zhdanov, then the Kremlin's cultural dictator, decided Alexandrov and the Stalin Prize Committee had slipped up.

He and his supporters said Alexandrov had given too little credit to "Marxist-Leninist" views. The philosopher was ordered to rewrite it in consultation with party propagandists to put it firmly back on the party line.

He was also dropped from his post on the editorial board of the Communist Party's theoretical journal, *Bolshevik*, now renamed *Kommunist*.

For several years little was heard of him. But during the past year Alexandrov has been making a comeback. Last December he headed a delegation to a scientific congress in India. In February he was awarded the Order of Lenin—highest Soviet civilian award.

## More Rioting In Seville

Seville, Spain, Mar. 16. Rioting students, battling police for the second consecutive day, forced their way into the City Hall today to protest against a 30 per cent increase in streetcar fares.

Thousands of students remained away from University classes to join the demonstration. The police battled the rioters with rubber truncheons. Several streetcars were overturned and traffic was disrupted.

The police said several scores of demonstrators were arrested but were released after questioning.—United Press

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## In the University of California "Most Powerful Atom Smasher In World" Now Working

New York, Mar. 16. The University of California announced today it had put into operation the most powerful atom-smasher in the world, "a new tool to reveal the still-unsolved mysteries of the atom."

The new machine is called a bevatron. It cost \$9,000,000 to build and went into operation on Feb. 2. The Atomic Energy Commission provided the money.

The bevatron will be used to produce synthetic cosmic rays and mesons which are the "glue" that binds together atomic nuclei.

Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the AEC, in a statement issued in Washington, said operation of bevatron was another step in the AEC's programme to keep America in the forefront of atomic progress.

"Nuclear progress is not simply a matter of building power plants and weapons with present knowledge," he said. "It is even more a matter of learning, for future use, what we do not yet know about the atom."

The Director of the University of California radiation laboratory and Nobel Prize winner, Dr Ernest O. Lawrence, said although science has extracted energy from the atom, "we are still far from an understanding of the forces and processes that govern the atomic nucleus."

"The bevatron gives us the means to make laboratory experiments of the nucleus that have not been possible before."

"We do not know what we shall find, for if we did, there would be no need to build the machine. We do know that every time we have extended the energy range of nuclear research we have increased our understanding of the fundamental nature of the nucleus."

The bevatron contains the world's largest magnet, the outside diameter of which is 135 feet. The magnet stands 14 feet high and is roughly doughnut shaped. Its total weight is 10,000 tons.

The magnet is the heart of the bevatron. Its purpose is to keep protons injected into the

## Anglo-Soviet Student Exchange Plan

London, Mar. 16. Exchanges of British and Soviet students are being planned for the coming summer holidays, it was learned here today.

It is understood that the exchange programme is being sponsored by the National Union of Students in Britain and by the Anti-Fascist Committee of Soviet Youth for the USSR.

The exchange will take place during the months of July and August, and provide for a three-week stay in Britain for Soviet students and a similar time in the USSR for the British students.

The programme will involve an exchange of about 280 (US\$225) for the British students who are expected to go to the Soviet Union by groups of 25 to 30.

The Secretary of the National Union of Students, Mr Fred Jarvis, will examine details of the plan during a trip to Moscow next April at the head of a group of 20 members of his Union who have been invited by the Anti-Fascist Committee of the Soviet Union.—France-Press.

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## Canal Zone Casualties

Calco, Mar. 16.  
Thirteen Egyptians and five Britons have been killed in the Suez Canal Zone in incidents since the beginning of 1954, a British Embassy spokesman said to-night. Fires for wounded in the same period included 20 Egyptians and five Britons. Besides these, nine British soldiers have disappeared without trace and are considered as probably victims of some form of attack. The spokesman added that there was still no news of the two soldiers reported missing since yesterday.—France-Press.

## Rome's "Drug Orgy"

### Trial:

## Cabinet Backs Father Of Piccioni

Rome, Mar. 16.  
The Italian Cabinet today expressed its confidence in the Foreign Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, who was reported to be planning to resign because his son Piero has been mentioned in Rome's sensational "drug orgy" trial.

The Cabinet met today to consider the official implications of the case, which has involved many people.

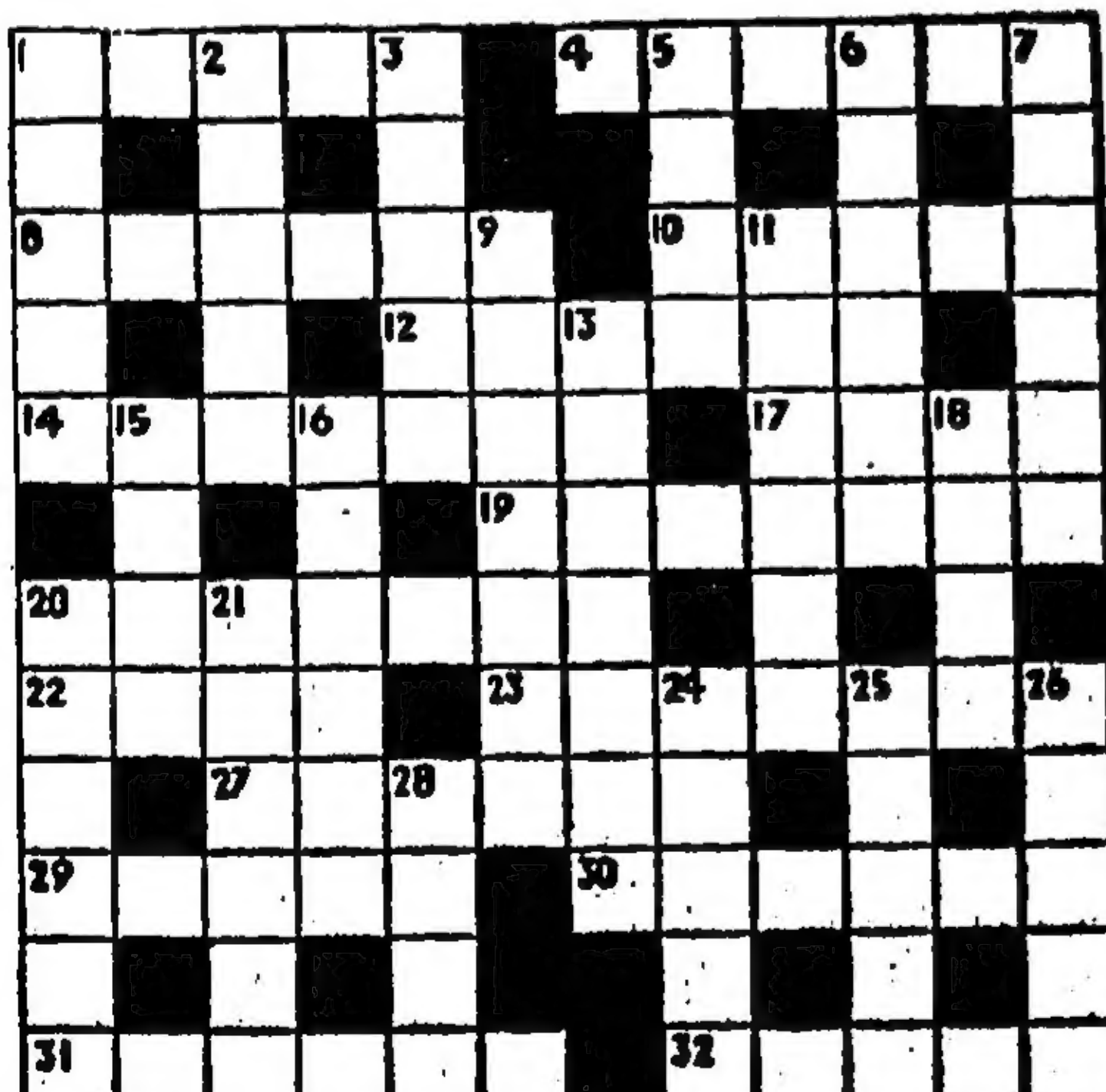
The main purpose of the meeting was to brief Signor Raffaele de Caro, Liberal Minister without portfolio, on the handling of his investigation into charges of corruption in high places, ordered as a result of the trial.

The Cabinet also named Signor Giovanni Saraceni, Prefect of Turin, as Police Chief for the Ministry of the Interior, to replace Tommaso Davone, who resigned after witnesses had claimed that he helped to cover up the death of a girl, Wilma Montes, after an alleged orgy.

All Italy has been shocked by the trial. In court is a young journalist, Silvano Muto, charged with publishing a "false and tendentious" account of Miss Montes' death.

He claims she died of an overdose of drugs. The police state she was drowned while bathing her feet.—Reuters.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**  
1 Suffers continuous pain (5).  
2 Wooden hammer (6).  
3 Narrative poem (8).  
4 Kind of thread (5).  
5 Matures (7).  
6 Renegade (6).  
7 Experiment (4).  
8 Joins closely (7).  
9 Breaks up (7).  
10 Bird's home (4).  
11 Sporting dogs (7).  
12 Unruffled (6).  
13 Eaten with onions (5).  
14 Make light (6).  
15 Loathing (6).  
16 Full (5).
- DOWN**  
1 Precincts (6).  
2 Board game (5).  
3 Commence (6).  
4 Clever (4).  
5 Diminish (6).  
6 Negotiates (6).  
7 Bishop's domain (7).  
8 Closely-occupied (5).  
9 Gift (7).  
10 Italian capital (4).  
11 Part of the foot (6).  
12 Communion (4).  
13 Grab (6).  
14 Help (6).  
15 Instruct (5).  
16 Additional (5).  
17 Scored (5).  
18 Check (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 3. Strength, 5. Lord, 9. Resolute, 11. Grenades, 13. Less, 15. Collides, 18. Director, 19. Sign, 21. Carousal, 23. Relator, 26. Mute, 27. Permeate, Down: 1. Fog, 2. Save, 4. Tied, 5. Error, 6. Gauge, 7. Hoax, 9. Rabbit, 10. Sower, 12. Root, 14. Aroma, 16. Divan, 17. Seed, 19. Strip, 20. Utter, 21. Cite, 23. Rest, 25. Down, 26. Less.

## Senator Ferguson's View On Dulles's Statement

Washington, Mar. 16.  
The chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, Homer Ferguson, today took issue with the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, on his statement yesterday that the President could commit the United States to military action without Congressional assent.

Mr Dulles told a Press conference that, by ratifying the NATO and Rio treaties the Senate authorised the President to take whatever action he felt necessary in a sudden attack on one of those treaty allies. If London or Paris was bombed, or any NATO or Latin-American nation attacked, the President can order massive retaliation without waiting for Congress to approve, he said.

Senator Ferguson told reporters he believed the President's power to take independent action under the treaties was limited to cases in which the attacked country was host to United States armed forces.

Only Congress could commit the United States to come to the assistance of an Allied nation where there were no American troops, he said. He explained that if an enemy force were to penetrate into Western Germany, where US troops were stationed, for instance, the President need not refer to Congress before acting.

"If another nation is involved without United States troops, then Congress must act," he said. Senator Ferguson said the President would have to use his judgment as to when and where American forces were in danger of being attacked before he took direct military action.

### WAR DECLARATION

Commenting on Mr Dulles's remarks, Senator Ferguson said even in cases where the President had properly ordered retaliatory measures against an aggressor, he should promptly refer this action to Congress because "only Congress can actually declare war."

The Senator also strongly emphasised that the United States regarded itself as closely bound to its allies in the new policy of "massive retaliation." Senator Ferguson, who has not been regarded as an advocate of international co-operation, said he fully shared the views of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Arthur Radford and the Secretary of Defence, Mr Wilson, that the policy of "massive retaliation" was one that has to be worked out with our allies.—United Press.

## Caracas Conference

## US Abstains From Talks On Colonialism

Caracas, Mar. 16.  
The United States refused to serve today on an Inter-American Conference Committee named to draft a resolution on the colonial issue in the western hemisphere.

Mr Guillermo Sevilla-Sacasa, President of the Judicial-Political Committee, named an eight-nation Sub-Committee, including the United States, to draft a resolution for consideration tomorrow.

But the United States delegate, Mr John Moore Cabot, asked that the U.S. be excused from serving because of the position of his Government on the colonial question at this conference.

Mr Cabot expressed that position in earlier extemporaneous remarks before the Committee. He said that the United States felt this conference was not an appropriate forum for consideration of an important matter involving European nations—Britain, France, and the Netherlands—who were unable to express their views.

He pointed out that all the American Republics are members of the United Nations and contended that that was the proper forum for such a discussion.

The colonial powers also are members of the world organisation, he noted.

### COULD NOT VOTE

Mr Cabot said his delegation regretted that it could not vote in favour of the colonial proposals under discussion.

The representatives of several delegations spoke on the colonial question as the Commission continued consideration of the Brazilian resolution which would have the conference go on record in favour of self-determination by the colonial peoples and recommend United Nations trusteeship for those not yet ready for self-government.

All favoured elimination of colonialism in the western hemisphere, but there was no agreement on methods.

After more than two hours of discussion without reaching any definite conclusions, it was agreed to establish a working sub-committee to draft a resolution harmonising the views expressed in three documents submitted thus far by Brazil, Argentina, and the American Committee on Dependent Territories which met in Havana in 1949. The Sub-Committee consists of Brazil, Argentina, Guatemala, Venezuela, El Salvador, Chile and Ecuador.—United Press.

## CRASH INQUIRY BEGINS TODAY

Singapore, Mar. 16.  
The official inquiry into the BOAC Constellation crash at Kallang airport last Saturday in which 23 persons were killed, will begin tomorrow morning.

Sir Miles Thomas, Chairman of BOAC, will hear oral evidence to be given by the Captain of the Constellation, Captain T. W. Hoyle, and other members of the crew.

The inquiry is to last a week. Three observers—one each from BOAC, the British Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Department of Civil Aviation, Singapore—will attend the inquiry.—Straits.

# AUTHORITY

## Stars In A Party Mood



Attractive Marilyn Monroe (right) and her equally famous film star friend, Lauren Bacall, are in a happy mood as they arrive together to attend a party in Hollywood.—Express Photo.

## MONTAGU TRIAL

## Counsel Says Airman Has "Foul Romantic Imagination"

London, Mar. 16.  
A 21-year-old self-confessed homo-sexual told an all-male jury here today that Lord Montagu of Beaulieu twice wanted to commit serious offences with him.

The witness, Aircraftman John Reynolds, said on both occasions he refused to consent but admitted that indecency occurred.

He was giving evidence at the second day's hearing of the continued trial of the 27-year-old English Peer, Lord Montagu and second cousin, Michael Pitt Rivers, 37, and Peter Wildewood, 30-year-old London journalist, face 18 homo-sexual charges. They have all pleaded not guilty.

Mr H. B. Hyton Foster, Pitt Rivers' counsel, cross-examined, claimed that a tale Reynolds told about associations with Major Pitt Rivers "was a pack of lies" told out of some "foul romantic imagination" of his own. Reynolds replied: "No, no."

Airman John Reynolds gave evidence admitting that he was a sexual pervert for a long time past and specified that unnatural acts committed between himself and Lord Montagu had been by mutual consent and that he had not been ashamed.

But under cross-examination Reynolds admitted he did not remember ever telling the police that Lord Montagu had committed an unnatural act with him. Finally, he said, Lord Montagu had, in fact, never committed an unnatural act with him.

### SAVE HIS SKIN

Earlier today Edward McNally was cross-examined by Mr Peter Rawlinson, Wildeblood's counsel, who suggested that he had never had any "indecent relations" with Wildeblood. McNally said: "I did."

McNally, who had given evidence about homo-sexual parties on Lord Montagu's estate, denied he had been telling lies to save his own skin. He left the witness box after giving evidence for over five hours.

Before he left the witness box after being cross-examined for over three hours, Reynolds said it was not true that six men had committed unnatural acts with him as he had stated in preliminary hearings. "The number should be three," he said.

During the day the three accused sat motionless together, only occasionally exchanging a few words. The trial was adjourned until tomorrow.—Straits.

## Soviet-American "Spy War" Reported In Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 16.  
Agents of the United States military intelligence and members of a large scale Soviet spy ring in Japan are waging a "spy war", according to latest Japanese press reports.

These reports spread following the disappearance of a member of the unrecognised Soviet Mission in Tokyo. The Mission claimed the missing man, Yuri Rastvorov, had been kidnapped by United States intelligence officers.

Japanese sources, however, said that Rastvorov was a member of the Russian secret police and director of Soviet espionage activities in Japan. The same sources said that the diplomat was a favourite of the late Lavrenti Beria, executed former chief of the Soviet political police.

Tokyo Metropolitan Police headquarters and officials of the Ministry of Justice refuse to comment on the reported "spy war". The absence of anti-espionage laws, and the death penalty makes Japan a safe field of operation for spies. Vladivostok, North Korea and Soviet-occupied Sakhalin are only 600 miles from Tokyo. Japanese police say that there is a considerable two-way traffic between Soviet Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands and Japan's northern-most island of Hokkaido.

The nearest islands in the Kuriles chain can be seen from Hokkaido's northeastern coast on clear days.

**MANY ARRESTED**  
Large numbers of North Koreans, many of them alleged to be Communists, amass themselves into Japan every year. Many are arrested before they land. Others make their way from lonely coastal areas of north-western Honshu to inland cities where they mingle with the large Korean population.

Under the Japan-United States administrative agreement which covers the stationing of United States troops in Japan, civilians may be tried in

Japanese courts for acts detrimental to the security of American personnel or bases.

The security clause is so loosely worded, however, that Japanese judicial authorities say it would be difficult for a prosecutor to win a case based on it.

As a result, observers here believe that United States military authorities may be carrying on a counter-espionage offensive against the Communists to protect their own interests. It is believed the main work of Communist agents is to spy on the United States bases in Japan and the growing Japanese army. Agents are also believed to act as a communications channel between the Japanese Communist party and the Communist Chinese and Russian authorities.

### CODE BOOKS

A Japanese arrested by police in Hokkaido last August led police to a place where he had hidden a set of code books for radio operators. Police said that the number of books found indicated that Communist espionage in Japan was more widespread than had previously been thought.

The Japanese, Sanjiro Seki, told police that he had been trained at a Russian spy school on Sakhalin to work as a spy courier.

The captain of a Russian patrol ship was seized by the police while trying to pick up Seki to take him back to Sakhalin. Both Seki and the Russian were tried on lesser charges owing to the absence of anti-espionage laws. The court found both men guilty.

## 'US Agents Kidnapped Me'

Allegations of kidnapping which followed Rastvorov's disappearance were not the first to be made against American intelligence agents.

Last year, the left-wing writer and critic, Wataru Kaji, returned to his home in Tokyo after a year's absence and claimed that he had been kidnapped and forcibly detained by American agents.

Kaji gave evidence before a committee of the Lower House of the Diet that the agents had continually questioned him and had forced him to sign a confession that he was a Communist agent. He said that the Americans then tried to persuade him to become a counter-spy.

### DENIED KIDNAPPING

American authorities here denied any knowledge of the kidnapping.

Shortly after Kaji's return home, a radio operator, named Masao Mitsuhashi, was put on trial on a charge of operating an illegal transmitter.

Mitsuhashi, who was captured by the Russians at the end of the Pacific War, said that he began transmitting coded messages to Siberia following his repatriation to Japan. During his trial, he alleged that the man who had acted as an intermediary between himself and the Soviet Mission in Tokyo was Kaji. Kaji denied the allegations and declared that he had never met Mitsuhashi.

Mitsuhashi said that as a returned prisoner of war, he was questioned several times by United States intelligence officers. They discovered that he was acting as an agent for the Russians and he was ordered to continue receiving messages from the Soviet Mission but to pass them to United States intelligence before transmitting them.

Both Kaji and Mitsuhashi stated that the senior American officer who questioned them was a Major Canyon. American officials said that no officer of that name had been in Japan.—China Mail Special.

## Chinese View On Peace In Indo-China

London, Mar. 16.  
The Communist New China News Agency quoted an article in the official Chinese Communist newspaper Peking Peoples Daily today as saying: "Peace can come to Indo-China through a negotiated agreement that respects the national independence and freedom of the peoples concerned—not by the United States and France continuing a hopeless war there."

The article, written by a Communist commentator, Hu Chin, said: "Any diplomatic or military manoeuvres on the part of the French Government causing difficulties at the Geneva conference will inevitably help American advocates of the policy of strength to carry out their plans injuring French interests and sabotaging the Geneva conference."

Hu Chin claimed the United States was sparing no effort to force France to carry on the war.

The French Prime Minister, M. Joseph Laniel, in reaffirming his old promise of seeking a peaceful settlement of the Indo-China question, was at the same time demanding a continuance of bloodshed, the writer said.

He was putting forward "so-called military terms for an armistice which are so absurd they have aroused immediate and widespread condemnation among French deputies and public opinion generally."—Reuters.

San Francisco, Mar. 16.  
The Canadian Prime Minister, M. Louis St. Laurent, arrived here today on his way home after his tour of Europe and Asia.

"I don't think the people of Asia are thinking of anything but their own nationalistic aspirations. They want to run their affairs themselves. I don't think they want to be run from the Kremlin or by any other totalitarian organisation," he said.

"I found a lot of goodwill everywhere and a great deal of confidence that the world was going to be a better place."—China Mail Special.

## "Parrot Fever" Fear: 60 Birds Killed

Bamberg, Germany, Mar. 16.  
Sixty love birds in this area have been put to death, the State Veterinary Office announced today. The Office said the birds were done away with on suspicion of carrying psittacosis, a commonly known as "parrot fever". The authorities said the disease, which has been reported in various parts of Germany, finally had been traced and the removal of the love birds was a preventive measure.—United Press.

## Sharp Reply By Spanish Envoy To MPs

London, Mar. 16.  
Spain's Ambassador to Britain, the Duke of Primo de Rivera, tonight sharply rejected a protest by 13 British Labour members of Parliament at the coming trial of 14 Basques in connection with strikes in Spain in 1931. The MPs among them four former ministers at the Foreign Office—sent the protest to the Ambassador earlier today for transmission to General Franco.

They said the Spanish Government had taken "inhuman and unjust" action in putting the 14 on trial more than a year after they were released in an amnesty.

The Ambassador returned the protest and said in a letter that he was not prepared to send it on to Madrid. He added: "Since the matter is the internal concern of a sovereign state, I would ask you to refrain in future from interfering in the internal affairs of my country as we refrain from interfering in yours."

The trial of the Basques, accused of illegal strikes, illegal trades union and political propaganda, is due to open at Victoria, Spain, on March 25. The MPs said they now plan to send the protest direct to General Franco.

Among the signatories were two former Ministers of State, Mr Kenneth Younger and Mr Hector McNell, two former Foreign Under-Secretaries, Mr Christopher Mayhew and Mr Ernest Davies, and Mr John Hynd, Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party's Foreign Affairs Group.

Mr Davies has made representations to the British Office about the trial. Their protest today said they were "shocked" to learn of the planned trial, because when the men were released in an amnesty in 1952 it was understood that they would not be put on trial.

"These persons are accused of offences for which they were kept in prison for a year without trial and after being granted their freedom are to be tried for crimes allegedly committed three years ago," the protest said.

## French Murder Trial Draws Big Crowd

Bordeaux, Mar. 16.  
Marie Besnard, a 58-year-old widow now on trial for the poison murder of her second husband, was described today by a Court psychiatrist as a perfectly normal and responsible individual—in fact, an abnormally normal person.

The testimony of the psychiatrist, Dr Andre Cellier, of the Paris Court of Appeals, was the salient feature of today's session and his statement was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience which packed the Court.

He said the mixing of arsenic with the food of her victims was an act which required a lot of intelligence. He added that he found nothing which indicated that she might have been suffering from some kind of sexual frustration due to the results of an operation.

Marie Besnard appeared relaxed and smiling at today's hearing in contrast to her tired and drawn composure yesterday when the trial opened. She has been in gaol since 1949, two years after an investigation was started into what appeared to be the suspicious deaths of eleven of her relatives in as many years. The last one to die was her second husband, Leon Besnard, in 1947.

A first trial ended without decision because of technical difficulties. The second trial, which was held today, was Police Commissioner Michel Noquet, who said: "The evidence is clear. Marie Besnard is guilty."—Straits.



# Time is working for the Kremlin

Sefton Delmer's Newsmap takes a lesson from a startling report

HERE is something to shake the complacency out of you.

Remember how we have been told again and again about the backwardness of the Soviet economy, how they have not got the industrial potential or even the skilled workers to match the West in a shooting war? Well, here is the shock.

The national income of the Soviet Union and the productivity of the Soviet economic machine are expanding year by year at a rate "incomparably faster" than any Western country can show. And that includes the United States and Canada.

By 1970 the Soviet output will be four times what it is today. Who says so? The loudspeakers of Malenkov's propaganda apparatus? No sir.

This is the careful assessment of a group of 31 top-notch American research economists employed by a number of American private and official intelligence agencies to keep a watch on the Soviet world.

These men have been pooling the results of their study over the last few years to make a collective stocktaking of the Soviet economy. Their report, edited by Mr. Abram Bergson, has just been published in book form.

## Significant

As the Economist points out in its review of the book, the authors of this report cannot be suspected of any sympathy for the Soviet regime or undue credulity.

On the contrary they approach every Soviet figure with utmost caution. They have deflated many of the blown-up claims of Soviet propaganda statistics.

So it is a matter of the greatest significance and political importance that this American report comes to the conclusion that—

"Soviet industrial output in the next decades will increase

at a rate substantially greater than the United States rate."

I am all the more impressed with this American assessment because I know it coincides with the views of some of our own best-informed analysts of Soviet industrial development.

As I see it the picture here revealed means for you and me:

1 THERE WILL BE NO WAR for at least the next ten years and probably longer. But

2 THERE WILL BE NO END to the present cold war within that term.

For the Kremlin rulers, with the same general assessment of comparative rates of expansion to work on, must have decided that time is on their side. Indeed, Stalin shortly before his death said so.

Every year brings them closer to the war potential of the West. Every year the West becomes less redoubtable. Therefore the men in the Kremlin must say to themselves: Put off a showdown with arms and put off a settlement too.

## Better living

DOES it mean that war after ten years or so is inevitable? No. For already Malenkov and his men are finding it advisable to make concessions to the increasing appetite of the Soviet millions for better living.

Such concessions have a way of stimulating appetites still further. There may be more demands for the comforts of peaceful wealth producing peace rather than for the negative self-denials and austerities of war and preparation for war.

The Kremlin privileges too may begin to feel less heroic as new generations come along and want to consolidate their families in their new power.

## A shock

ALL that is as maybe. But what is certain is that this report is a great shock to people like myself who have made two visits within the last 15 years to Russia; who have talked to German prisoners once working in Soviet industry, and who have gained from this personal and vicarious experience a picture which is the very reverse of industrial efficiency.

I cannot forget those boot shops in Moscow where the workers—long queues of them—could find only one size of goloshes and all of them left foot goloshes at that. Or the hotchpotch of machinery in the factories I visited. The printing presses in the Pravda offices which were being torn out of the floor by their own vibration. The cement in those new buildings in Stalingrad which was crumbling and cracking because it had been mixed at the wrong strength.

But I believe the picture all the same. Because there are so many unexpected achievements by the Soviet world. Those Olympic athletes! Who expected their records?

Their musicians! They sent them to festivals like that at Leipzig and they came up against Western musicians. Everyone is amazed at the evidence given of immense hard work and discipline.

STALIN certainly made the greatest demands on the Russian people. What is coming out now seems to suggest that they have come near to living up to them.

(London Express Service)

# The Thing That Never Forgets

By Chapman Pincher

A ROBOT "animal" which behaves more like a living creature than any machine ever built before has been invented by an Oxford University scientist.

This junior Frankenstein monster can find its way through a difficult maze and remembers all its mistakes, so that it put in the maze again, it gets through without taking a wrong turning.

Its "brain" is so big and heavy that its body, which is about the size of a half-grown rabbit's, cannot carry it. A long, flexible cable keeps The Thing in touch with its "brain" as it moves purposefully on the three wheels which serve as legs.

## Short Cut

If a short cut is introduced into the maze by removing part of the wall, The Thing is smart enough to take advantage of it.

It will remember what it has learned for ever unless its master, 28-year-old Anthony Deutsch, decides to obliterate its memory—which he can do at the press of a switch.

I saw the robot in action at Oxford's Institute of Experimental Psychology. It consists of three parts—

1 A three-wheeled chassis driven by two electric motors and fitted with sensitive "feelers" which cause it to steer away from obstacles or reverse out of corners.

2 A 20lb. "electronic brain" of valves, relays, and selectors linked with the chassis by a long cable.

3 A searchlight Cyclops "eye" which surveys the scene around it.

Mr. Deutsch, who built The Thing, put it at the entrance of a plywood maze with two possible exits.

I asked him to "tell" it to find its way out by the right-hand exit. He did this by making certain adjustments to the "brain"; then pressed a master switch. The robot's "eye" lit up, there was a whirr of wheels, and it began to move.

## Blind Alleys

Slowly but deliberately it inched its way through the maze, half-attracted by the numerous blind alleys, but never making the mistake of going down one. Like a sensible animal it did not butt blindly at obstacles in its path, but found a way round them.

The Thing could not see, but photo-electric cells mounted on the walls of the maze gave its "brain" the information which eyes would have provided.

Triumphantly it emerged at the required exit.

Mr. Deutsch believes that his robot displays reasoning power, and to some extent has a mind of its own.

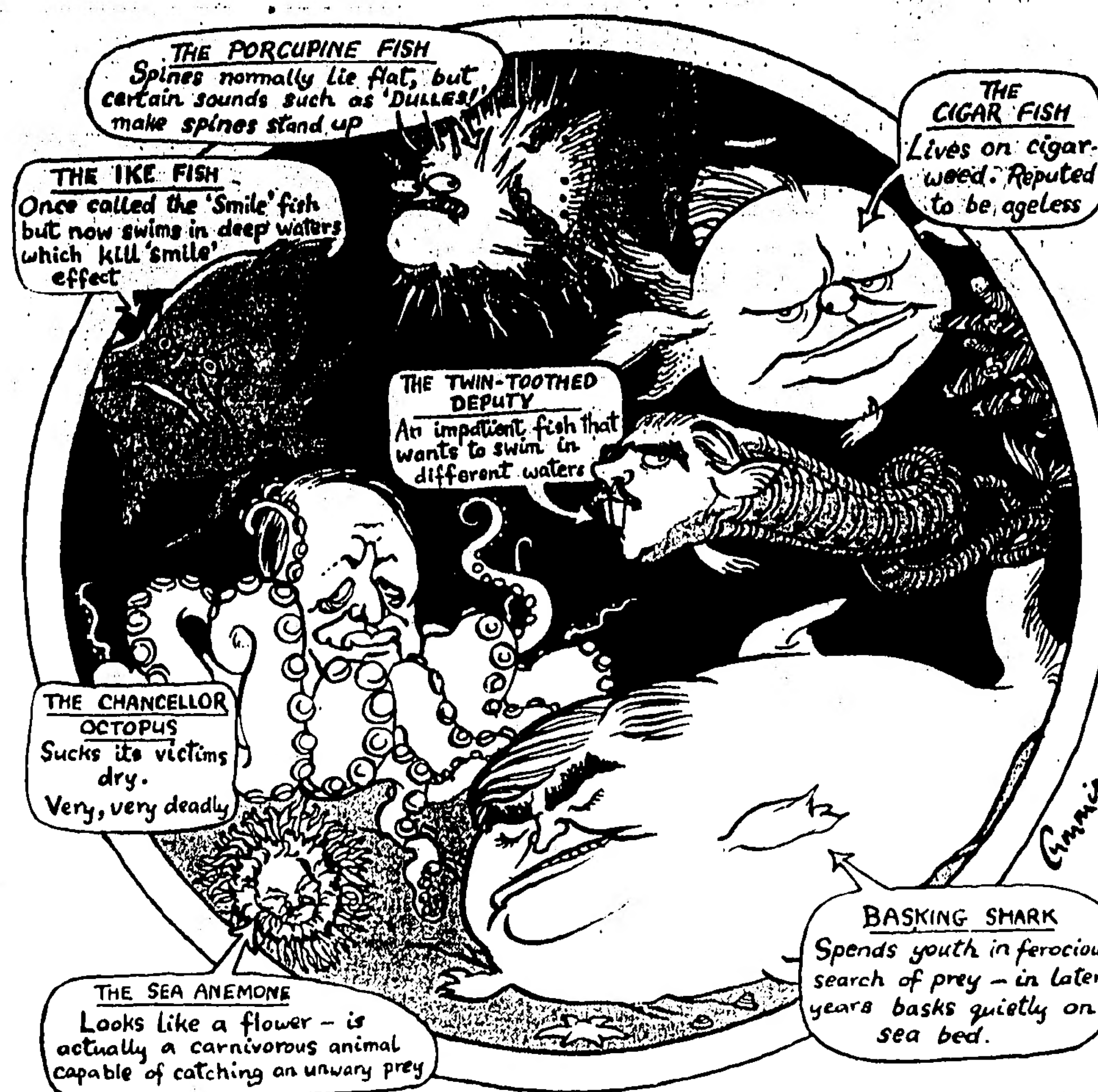
Thus, after solving one type of maze, it can find its way through another of different shape without going through any process of trial and error.

Why has Mr. Deutsch built the machine? Because, he believes that by experimenting with its "brain" he may learn more about how the brain of an animal works.

(London Express Service)

# DENIZENS of the POLITICAL DEEP

as viewed far, far down from the Cummings bathyscaphe



London Express Service

# NATHANIEL GUBBINS

TOO cold in the frozen Sea Nest to care about what is going on in Berlin, or how many millions of yards of cotton the Japanese are going to sell to the British Empire (founded by Lord Beaverbrook), or even if the West Indies win the second Test Match with or without their relatives as umpires, your Uncle Nat, huddled in two sweaters and a sheepskin jacket, has been comparing his birthday luck as predicted from day to day by the newspapers' astrologers, with actual experiences.

For instance here was one

PREDICTION Don't be too cautious today. Alluring and unusual prospects may open out if you are flexible enough to take part in them. There is a fresh and vital wind blowing through your personal relationships.

WHAT HAPPENED Outside The Nest there was an east wind fresh enough to freeze your vitals. The alluring prospect was a glass of hot rum in the warm and comfortable hotel only 60 yards away. Not feeling very flexible, but not wishing to be too cautious, your Uncle stepped out of the front door, was caught amidst the wind, slipped on a sheet of ice on the porch and in a moment was floundering on his back, legs and arms waving in the air like a Jumbo bug on the garden path.

PREDICTION In most respects, grand. It's a wonderful day for negotiations, interviews or anything that requires the personal touch. Cupid? Expect him to be around.

WHAT HAPPENED The intention was to interview the rating officer about reassessment of rates. It was a grand day for Polar bears but not for interviewing the rating officer, who was out. Leaving his office your Uncle trod heavily on the foot of a woman coming in. She screamed with pain and hopped madly about on her other foot, refusing to listen to apologies. Cupid? On a day like this only a fool would be around in his costume.

PREDICTION Shrug off early disappointments. No matter how unfortunate you have been you can expect help from the best of friends.

WHAT HAPPENED The disappointments were four days without a bath be-

cause of frozen pipes. The best of friends were the proprietors of the hotel who offered the hospitality of a bath.

Your Uncle went into the bathroom, turned on the hot water, which was near boiling point, and stepped. He turned on the cold tap. Nothing happened. The pipe was frozen. He tried the hot water with his toe, yelped and wondered what to do next.

Without a dressing gown to cover his nakedness it was not fair to ask a chambermaid to bring cold water into the bathroom, but there would be no scandal if she left it in the adjoining bedroom. The problem was to reach the bell in the bedroom without being discovered in the nude. What did one prediction say? Don't be too cautious.

So your reckless, naked Uncle unbolted the bathroom door, tipped into the bedroom and was looking wildly round for the bell push when a woman's voice outside the door said "I wonder if this is our room?"

Even Gordon Pirie couldn't have run faster back into the bathroom where your Uncle was obliged to have no more than a wash down with wet towels.

But in the bar afterwards he had the hot rum he didn't get when he slipped on the ice following up his first lucky prediction.

The Samovar SINCE last week the Russian atmosphere at home has been like the frost. Uncle Natya and his life partner, The Plucky Little Tovarich, are still crouching over the samovar (teapot), talking like characters out of a Russian play.

Did you have your bath at the hotel, Uncle Natya?

No, Plucky Little Tovarich, I did not have my bath at the hotel.

I had a friend who was always going to do something brave and wonderful, but never did anything.

To the idealist life is a series of unfulfilled desires and dreams that never come true.

It is still very cold. Yes, it is very cold. I read somewhere that wolves had reached Trieste.

They will soon be here. You must be careful, Uncle Natya. It is said that wolves prefer the stronger scent of the unwashed.

What has happened to our old retainer, Anna Scribbovitch? She has not come to scour or sweep since the frost.

She is old and fears the cruel wind and icy roads.

It is more likely that she has gone to the Rialto.

Before the revolution gerts were not allowed to have tickets in lotteries.

If they had won they would have become impossible.

But in the new world they can do anything. I wonder if ex-serf Anna Scribbovitch is staying in Cannes or Nice?

She is probably bored with the gaming tables of Monte Carlo and is now resting in the sunshine at Menton, while you do the washing up.

Perhaps an elderly French count is making eyes at the rich Englishwoman in a cafe. Perhaps he will carry her off to some romantic castle.

It is more likely that the wolves have got her. I think I can hear them howling now.

No. That is the wind. It is very cold. Yes, it is very cold.

Doctor Tells AS you might have expected, here comes Dr Gubbins the notorious Fleet Street quack, with some obvious advice on how to keep warm during the cold weather.

If the weather is warmer by the time the doctor's message is published you can cut it out and keep it for the next freezing spell, which will probably be in June.

Long before there were doctors to give advice about anything people realised that there were several ways of keeping warm in winter.

One was to wear warm clothes, another was to take shelter in a warm place, another to eat plenty of warm food, and yet another to take plenty of vigorous exercise.

Our savage ancestors, who know as much about these matters as Dr Gubbins, or any qualified doctor, adopted all these methods. They took vigorous exercise—hunting animals, wore the animals' skins, warmed their caves with cooking fires, and filled their stomachs with meat.

The chief difference between these sensible people and a silly creature like you is that they took these precautions without making anybody's advice worse than they were.

Very well, then. If like the majority of people in this country you live in a cold house, you must either make it warmer or wear warmer clothing indoors. If you live in a warm house you can wear lighter clothing indoors and warmer clothing when you go out. Got it? Splendid.

Although the savage only knew that a full stomach made him feel warmer you will want to know why. You will also want to know what to eat, when to eat it, and all about calories, vitamins and vitamin intake.

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# BOGEY MAN TO BRITONS

By LES ARMOUR

LONDON. ASK 100 Englishmen to name the five best-known Americans and the odds are about 99 to 1 that Senator Joseph R. McCarthy will head all the lists.

The junior Senator from Wisconsin is far better published in these islands than President Eisenhower. This week, the two biggest national newspapers printed cartoons proclaiming boldly that Senator McCarthy is the Voice behind the White House.

Recently, McCarthy's foud with the U.S. Army crowded everything else into a small place in the headlines.

Britons are fascinated, alarmed, and made sick at the stomach by McCarthy. To them, he appears as a giant bogey man stalking the length and breadth of America, spreading terror in his wake.

The situation has reached such proportions that Americans are beginning to protest.

## Lengthy Blast

The liberal-socialist bible of the left-wing intellectuals, the New Statesman and Nation, carried a lengthy blast from Paul Jacobs, executive member of the Civil Liberties Union of California, suggesting that its editorial policy was presenting a distorted view of the climate of American opinion by painting McCarthy as a virtually unopposed tyrant.

The Statesman's editor, Kingsley Martin, replied at even greater length. But the reply boiled down to an argument which sums the British view in a few words: "We don't see much evidence of opposition to McCarthyism."

Britons are sure that, if McCarthy were operating here, he would be put in his place promptly, whatever the government of the day.

They know it would take only one McCarthy incident to ruin the British public. The thing could never get to a whole list of outrages.

From that, they reason that McCarthyism must be deeply ingrained in the United States. They see in President Eisenhower's failure to hit back either a shocking weakness or an implicit acceptance of McCarthy's tactics.

That is what is enraging American liberals.

## Long Process

It is difficult to make it clear in Britain that the United States has none of the homogeneity which characterises British political opinion, and that the American system of government is so much more complex that the direct action possible here usually has to be replaced here by a long and cumbersome process.

Sectional interests—as they are known in the United States—are practically non-existent in Britain, and the Englishmen get a clear picture of them only in cases like the Truman-Stevenson antagonism of the South, which probably did more than anything else to ensure Eisenhower's election.

To the Briton, the argument that Eisenhower must tread softly in order to avoid endangering national unity sounds almost vicious.

And it is no easier here to understand the American fear of Communists. Communists in Britain—except when they get tangled in industrial disputes—are a kind of national joke. They are out in the open for everyone to see, assess, and ridicule, and they are not very numerous.

In the end, the difference is one of fundamental attitudes. There is no hope of reconciling them and little point in arguing their rival merits. History and national psychology have left their imprint on both countries, and the attitudes are a direct result of that imprint.

Britons can only hope to get a more balanced view of McCarthyism by reading a little more loudly and a little more often.

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 2 N.T. Pass

You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-6-3  
 Hearts 3-2 Diamonds K-7-5  
 Clubs A-5. What do you do?

A-Mid three spades. You intend to bid a slam eventually, but you aren't strong enough in spades to go for a slam. You can afford to make this simple rebid to find out whether or not your partner has a good spade suit.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-K-Q-7-6-5  
 Hearts 3-2 Diamonds 7-6-5 Clubs 9-5. What do you do?

**Answer: Overcall**

In spite of Rupert's protests Podgy hurries forward. Ends a handy tree and, using one of his shoes as a hammer, drives in the nail. Then he lights the fuse, ties the two ends together and waits. Next moment the Catherine wheel is roaring round and spinning out myriads of sparks. "Phew, what a whoopier!" Podgy shouts.

"Look at those colors! That's no ordinary car light fireworks!"

"That's right," says Rupert.

"It's a very special one. And now I wonder more than ever why we dropped her."

And **HENRY LAURENCE**

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in spite of Rupert's protests Podgy hurries forward, and a handy tree and, using one of his shoes as a hammer, drives in the nail. Then he lights the fuse and the two pale-jump back and wait. Next moment the Catapult wheel is roaring round and flames and

myriads of sparks: "Phew, what a whopper," Podgy shouts. "Look at those colours! That's no ordinary sort of firework. You're right," says Rupert. "It's a very special one. And now I wonder, how many eyes have dropped?"

**AND THERE ENDED**

ports much quicker than he ever thought he could get there.

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A black and white photograph of a woman standing, facing the camera. She is wearing a short-sleeved, high-waisted dress with a wide, dark belt. The skirt is full and pleated. She has her hands on her hips. The background is plain and light-colored.

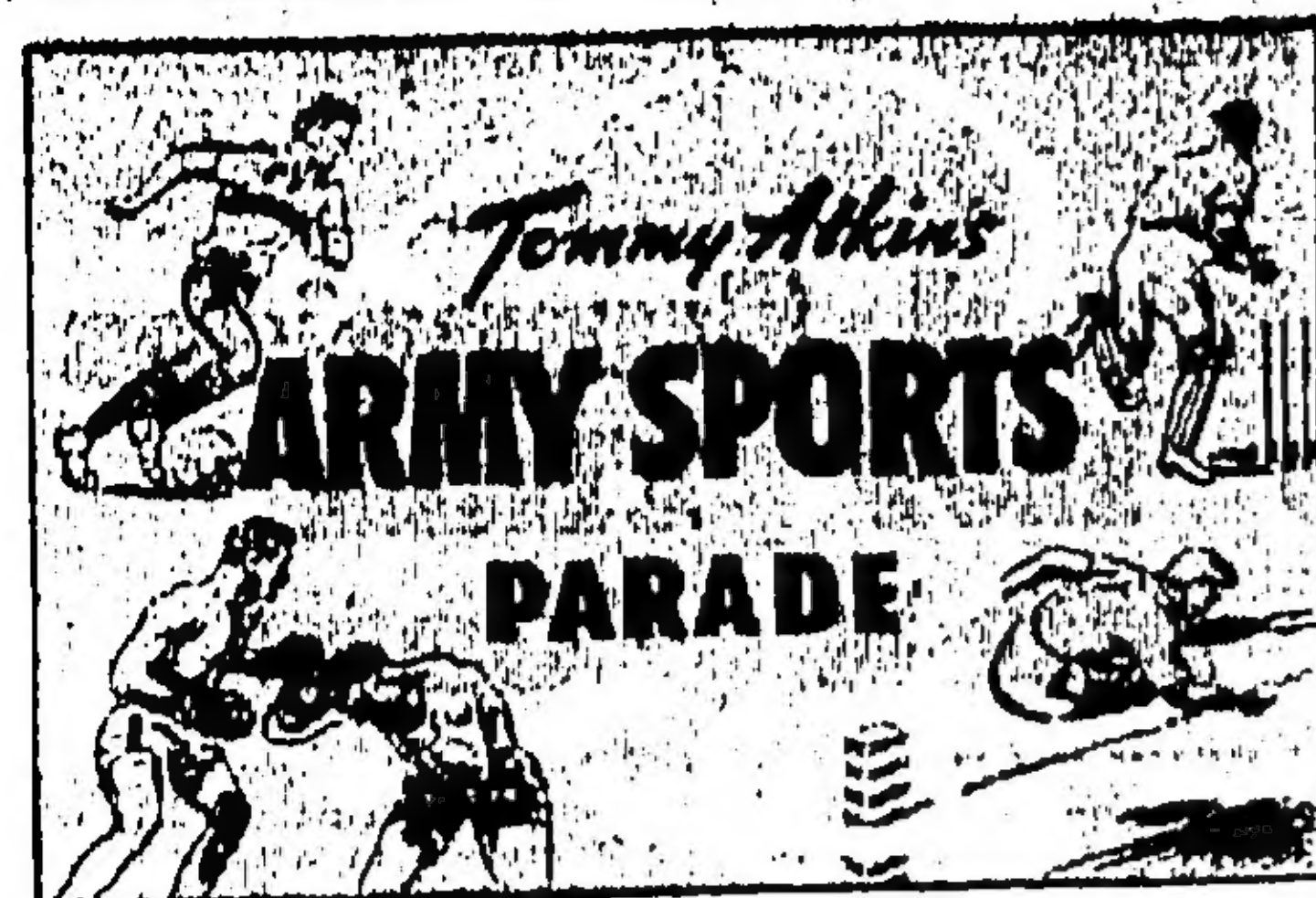
# Whiteaways

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Away out on his own at the top of the Tommy Atkins Sports Parade this week is Army soccer star Mike Granger for as courageous an effort on behalf of his side as we are likely to see in a long time. Playing against Hongkong Football Club on Saturday, Granger was badly injured early in the game and was carried from the field for attention.

After about 15 minutes he went back on the field to play in the forward line but it was so obvious that he was unable to move without suffering pain that he was called off the pitch by the team officials.

In the dressing room he was attended to by Major Blyth, the team doctor, and half way through the second half he went out again to make another effort to play in one of the forward positions.

Ten minutes before the end of the game the ball came to him in front of the Club goal and he shot it into the net.

This is one goal that Granger will never regret, and one that his teammates will not easily forget.

The Army 'B' cricket side completed a wonderful record at the week-end when it soundly thrashed the team selected from the Rest of the Second Division.

The game was played at the R.C.C. ground and the high spot of the afternoon was a scintillating partnership between Major Chubb and Captain Pierce when for about 45 minutes they scored at the rate of two runs a minute and changed the whole course of the game.

I understand that there are many cricket enthusiasts who would like to see the Army 'A' and 'B' teams in opposition again at a challenge match before the season ends. It seems like an excellent idea and would no doubt be a gala occasion for the general cricket public.

#### DISAPPOINTING

The Land Forces Individual Athletic Championships, which were held at Boundary, Suez on Saturday, were in some ways a mild disappointment. There was a comparatively small number of entries, but this was no doubt due to military calls on possible competitors. There was also a very small number of spectators, but this was probably on account of the indifferent weather.

There was little wrong with the arrangements of the athletes who competed and special mention must be made of 2/Lt. Sweeney of 14th Field Regt, RA who broke the 220 Yards record with a time of 23.9 secs. against the old time of 24 secs.

It is probable that this young officer might also have lowered the time for the 100 Yards, but unfortunately he made a bad start and had to be satisfied with a time which was outside the record but was still good enough to take him into first place.

The Finals in the Land Forces Match-Play Golf Championships are Colonel Furnivall and Major Elrick. In response to many requests here are particulars of the games in the Quarter and Semi-finals:

#### QUARTER-FINALS

Capt. Kennedy beat Capt. Hogg 5 and 4.  
Major Elrick beat Lt. Crawford 3 and 2.  
Major Boycott beat Lt-Col. Baker 2 and 1.

Colonel Furnivall beat Major Roberts 5 and 4.  
Semi-Finals  
Major Elrick beat Captain Kennedy 1 up.

Capt. Furnivall beat Major Boycott 2 and 1.  
The Final will be played this afternoon at Fanning.  
Readers of this column will remember that when this competition was still in its early rounds we offered the tip that the golfer who beat Colonel Furnivall would win the title. . . . sound tipping don't you think...???

#### SOCCER TOURNEY

32 Med. Regt. RA, 1 Dorsets, and 1 Kings are now through to the semi-finals of the Major Unit Soccer Championship and will be joined by the winners of the 72 LAA, 72 A.I. R. Norfolks club which will take place at Gun Club on Friday afternoon.

By reason of their 3-1 victory over 23 Bty. RA, 173 Loc. Bty. RA have moved on to the semi-final round of the Minor Unit competition. The other three semi-finals should be known this afternoon as the three outstanding quarter-finals are due to be played off.

The semi-finals of both the Major and Minor Unit competitions will take place on March 24. The final of the Minor Unit competition will be played on April 7 with the Major Unit the one week later.

The winners of the Major Unit Championship will also represent Hongkong in the final of

## PORTUGAL ENTERS FINAL OF INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Portugal yesterday qualified for the final of the International Hockey Competition by defeating India by four goals to one and will now meet the winner of the England versus Pakistan match.

The Portuguese, who lost to England in last year's final by an odd goal scored from a penalty bully, were not fully stretched yesterday by the Indians and noticeably eased off after taking a 3-0 lead in the first half.

### Close Struggle For Darts League Title

In Section I of the San Miguel Brewery Darts League, the close struggle still continues between REME Command W/S and P.O. Mess Tamar. They both won away games in this week's matches and at the moment REME Command W/S have a lead of two points.

With four more matches to be played to complete the fixtures in this section, it appears that the winners will be decided on the results of the last games played.

Mr. Moulton, of the Dockyard Charwomen's Mess, is still the only player who has registered the maximum score of 180.

Results of matches played were as follows:

#### Section I

Dockyard Charwomen 2, R.E. Whitefield 1.  
12 LAA Regt. 2, REME Command W/S 1.  
Hongkong Signals 2, R.A.F. Kai Tak 1.  
15th Para Sqdn. 2, Ad. Civ. Hants 1.  
H.Q.L.F. Queen's Rd. 2, H.K.C.T.U. 1.  
4 MPSC Murray Bks. 2, P.O. Tamar 1.  
40 Div. B/S 3, C.P.O. Tamar 3.  
27 HAA Regt. 3, C.O. RASC 3.

#### League Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
REME Com. W/S	10	14	0	2	72	28	28
P.O. Tamar	10	12	2	6	54	35	26
3 Coy. R.A.S.C.	15	9	4	2	53	22	22
R.A. Gun Club	10	9	3	4	47	29	21
M.P.S.C. Murray	10	8	5	3	55	41	21
Bks.	17	8	8	3	37	40	20
H.K.C.T.U.	17	7	8	4	43	46	20
H.Q.L.F. Queen's Rd.	15	7	4	4	48	26	18
59 Coy. R.A.S.C.	14	6	5	3	49	37	17
R.A.O.C. 6 COB	15	5	5	5	45	45	17
Ad. Civ. Hants	17	5	7	5	71	51	17
R.E. Whitefield	16	3	7	6	47	49	13
Dockyard Charwomen	15	3	6	6	41	48	12
C.P.O. Tamar	11	4	4	3	35	49	11
R.A.S.C. 3 Sup.	14	3	5	6	30	40	11
23 Gen. Hosp.	12	2	6	4	34	44	10
27 LAA Regt.	10	2	6	4	28	53	10
Ad. Civ. Hants	17	2	6	9	63	67	10
Hongkong Signals	15	3	3	9	34	56	9
72 LAA Regt.	14	4	4	6	37	47	9
15th Para Sqdn.	15	3	3	9	13	70	9

During this period, however, they gave an impressive display which stamped them as strong favourites to win the Championship this season.

Backed by an active goalkeeper in F. Soares, and a hard-tackling and powerful-hitting pair of full-backs in Nery and Gonsalves, Portugal was especially well served in the intermediate line of Roza, Vieira and Willie Reed whose excellent feeding passes paved the way to the goals scored by their fast and opportunistic forwards.

#### GALLANT STAND

India made a gallant stand in the first 13 minutes of play, but as the game progressed found that they had only their individual efforts and grit and determination to fall back on.

Especially prominent was their defence in which inter-ported Baghat Singh at centre-half and goalkeeper Lall Singh stood repeatedly against their opponents and a bigger score.

It was in the attack that the Indians failed lamentably. Random clearances served only to render the task of their already unco-ordinated set of forwards more difficult. Karanjia was always dangerous when given the opportunities, but these were too few and far between.

Setting a fast pace and settling down to well-combined offensive play, Portugal asserted their superiority from the opening whistle and broke through the stubborn defence of the Indians in the 13th minute with a follow-up shot by "Spiky" Guterres from a rebound off Lall Singh's pads after a drive by "Junior" Remedios.

Portugal added their second goal 10 minutes later when Balwant Singh unfortunately deflected a hard centre from Bertie Gossano into his own goal.

Just before the interval Portugal increased their lead to 3-0. "Junior" Remedios snapped a pass from Bertie Gossano and made no mistake with a powerful drive into the net.

On the resumption, India improved in the attacking game and after ten minutes Karanjia, receiving a short pass, made his way into the

"D" and beat Soares with a fine goal.  
Portugal's last goal came in the closing minutes of the game when "Junior" Remedios wove his way into the circle and slung the ball past Lall Singh.

#### THE TEAMS

Portugal: F. Soares; J. Gonsalves, A. L. Nery; L. Vieira, W. Reed, H. Roza; B. Gossano, "Junior" Remedios, "Spiky" Guterres, Armando Marques (captain) and L. Guterres.

India: Lall Singh; Balwant Singh, U. S. Dillon; U. Singh, Baghat Singh, Manjit Singh; Sarwan Singh, Karanjia, F. A. Pinto, Mohinder Singh and U. Singh.

#### ENGLAND'S TEAM

The following will represent England when they play Pakistan in the semi-finals at the Pool Ground, Happy Valley at 5 p.m. tomorrow: (Goal) Boshali (Bakers), Taylor (Army), (Defence) Taylor, Davar, (Halfw) Andrews, Peters (Captain), Forde, (Forwards) Homer, Anthony, Teyen, Smith and Pederby. Reserves: Gripe, Lacey and Mann. The team will play in white shirts.

#### SERVICES' PRACTICE

As the Macao Hockey Club are now bringing two teams to Hong Kong to play the Combined Services, a practice for the following will be held at Soekunpo on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.

A team (Colours will be provided): Boxall (Army), Boon (Navy), Taylor (Army), (Bakers), Taylor, Peters (Captain) (Army), Forde (Army), Homer (Army), Anthony (RN), Teyen (Army), Smith (Army) and Pederby (Army).  
B team (White shirts): Mann (RN), Boshali (Army), Norman (RN), Stevens (RAF), Reay (Army), Reynolds (Army), Perry (RN), Westmacott (Army), Lacey (Army), Aspin (RAF), Somers (RN), Reeves to play: Hall (Army), De-war (Army), Charter (RN), Norman (RN).  
Umpires: G. T. Palmer and F. L. Corden.

## EDDY CHOONG FACES STRONG OPPOSITION

London, Mar. 16.

Eddy Choong, Malayan favourite, is expected to be

severely tested to retain his

men's singles title in the all

England Badminton Championships at the Empress

Hall, London, tomorrow.

The tournament, regarded unofficially as the world championship, has attracted one of the strongest entry lists since the war.

Choong, who last year won all three titles, heads a formidable contingent from Malaya who have dominated the championships since American David Freeman won five years ago.

The most serious threat to Choong's supremacy is expected to come from his teammate, Ooi Teik Hock and Ong Poh Lim.

Ooi Teik Hock is seeded Number two to Choong and an all Malayan final seems probable, but opposition from other countries will demand the best from both Malaysians.

#### CAPABLE

The two Indian entries, Nandu Natekar and Nath Seth, together with other top players Don Smythe (Canada), Finn Kobbero (Denmark) and Jeff Robson (New Zealand) are capable of breaking the Malayan grip on the title.

Natekar recently won the Indian Championship from Nath Seth.

The Canadian champion and 17 year-old Finn Kobbero have both beaten Choong.

The Malaysians should have little difficulty in capturing the men's doubles title again.

Holders Eddie and David Choong, however, will find a strong combination in Teik Hock and Poh Lim, Natekar and Seth and Smythe and C.C. Simpson (Canada)—China Mail Special.

(London Express Service)



(Edited by Marshall Fallows)

Ray Middleton, Derby's goalkeeper JP, spends three or four nights a week lecturing to T.O.C. members, the YMCA, youth club, and the like.

"I talk about sport and how it can help to make better citizens," says Ray.

As a magistrate he finds that most youngsters who get into trouble have no sporting interests.

A football-boxing partnership is being set up by Third Lanark inside-right Jimmy Docherty and Scottish Bantamweight Champion Peter Keenan. These friends are planning to open licensed premises together in Glasgow.

"It will not be just a case of painting our names over the door," says footballer Jimmy. "Each of us intends to be there to give the customers personal attention."

#### NO. 1 PLACE

Charlton Athletic directors, famed for their brighter waistcoat efforts, give No. 1 place to Dr J. Montgomery.

His waistcoat is made from the Argyle and Sutherland Highland Regimental tartan kit he wore in the first World War.

Says the Doc: "It has been around for years, but my mother just refused to throw it away."

Tommy Scannell, Southend United goalkeeper who played for Eire against Luxembourg, is one of the brightest off-field personalities in Southern football.

He is a first-rate crooner and specialises in Irish melodies.

Huddersfield Town's casualty list has been supplemented by the man who keeps the lads fit—trainer Roy Goodall.

Cardiff trouble is suspected and it may mean a close-season operation.

#### BADMINTON

## Chinese YMCA Win Men's "B" Division Championship

Fielding three schoolboy players, the Chinese YMCA outplayed Recreo yesterday by 8-1 in their second but last League match to win the first Badminton League title to be decided this season—that of the Men's "B" Division.

The Recreo players were badly handicapped in having to play on a strange court, but this does not detract from the fine performance of the Chinese whose three schoolboy singles players, S. K. Wong, Siu Chuen and C. K. Wong, annexed four of their five sets by decisive margins.

Brown and Reza put up a spirited display in the doubles but failed to stop the Chinese from taking all the four doubles sets.

Outstanding among the losers was Bernard Brown, who was not only conspicuous in the doubles but also was responsible for Recreo's only set won in the singles.

Schoolboys' semi-finalist this year, Wong Siu-ying claimed the individual honours of the evening by winning all his singles and doubles games.

In another Men's "B" Division match, Craigsgower easily accounted for Tyntam by 8-1.

#### THE SCORES

##### Men's "B" Division

##### CYMC 8 Singles

S. K. Wong (CYMCA) beat H. J. Xavier 15-4; beat B. A. Brown 15-4.  
Siu Chuen (YMCA) beat Xavier 15-8; lost to Brown 8-15.  
C. K. Wong (YMCA) beat A. A. Rosa 15-5.

##### Doubles

Siu Chuen & S. K. Wong (CYMCA) beat Xavier & A.M. Silva 21-8; beat Brown & Rosa 21-10.

W.N. Cheung & C.Y. San (YMCA) beat Xavier & Silva 21-8; beat Brown & Rosa 21-17.  
CCC 8 Singles

M.A. Ebrahim (CCC) beat C.H. Loh 15-2; beat Buddy Arcull 15-11.  
Peewee Yap (CCC) beat Loh 15-4; beat Arcull 15-2.  
Z.A. Abbas (CCC) beat Pippo Arcull 15-4.

##### Doubles

G.T. Loo & Bui Dhabber (CCC) beat C.C. Yew & N.K. Chin 24-18; lost to B. Arcull & Loh 16-21.

#### LATEST STANDINGS

##### Men's "B" Division

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
CYMC 8	5	5	0	34	11	10
CCC	5	3	2	30	15	6
Recreo	5	2	3	20	25	4
Tyntam	5	0	5	0	39	0

#### TODAY'S GAMES

##### Men's "C" Doubles

Group "A"  
Nav Bharat v Recreo.  
Police Res. v Malaysians.

##### Group "B"

King's v Chinese Y.  
St. Stephen's v CCC.

## LaStarza Confident Of Victory

New York, Mar. 16.

Roland LaStarza, New York heavyweight who will meet Don Cockell of England in a 10-round bout at London on March 30,

said today he was confident of victory and if he wins he will ask for another chance against World champion Rocky Marciano.

LaStarza left for London today by BOAC plane.

"Naturally I would have to wait in line and I am perfectly willing to do so," said Roland in an airport interview. "But I hope it won't be too long. I'm getting older."

Asked about his chances against Cockell, LaStarza said: "I am certain I can do it."

"The way I feel now I could take on anybody," he said. "LaStarza" told reporters he weighs 190 pounds and said he would enter the ring against Cockell somewhere between 191 and 193. LaStarza's trainer, Mike Florio, said: "The 22-year-old boxer is in the good state."

Florio said LaStarza had been in training for the past five weeks and reported that the New York fighter was "in the line."

In London, LaStarza's manager will complete the training of LaStarza's opponent, Don Cockell, who is expected to arrive in London today.

## CALL-UP & SOCCER If It's Practical For Musicians, Why Not For Footballers?

By BOB PENNINGTON

Manager Bert Tann of Bristol Rovers wants the Army and RAF to moulth the England Soccer team of tomorrow. He will put forward his plan to other club chiefs when they meet in London next Monday to discuss the future of English football.

This meeting of managers was sponsored by the FA after England's defeat by the Hungarians, with the idea of formulating an England team-building policy.

All agree that the ideal is a national side on Continental lines, so that the team lines and trans together.

As this does not seem practicable under the League system, manager Tann says: "The Army and RAF can show the way by stationing our Soccer starlets together while they are doing their National Service."

"The RAF, for example, keeps its musicians together. Something similar should be possible for young football professionals."

#### OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES

"In addition to the obvious advantages of training and

playing with other lads from League clubs, a young pro could have tactical talks by experts.

"I have an 18-year-old inside-right, Alf Diggs, due for call-up. Birmingham are in the same position with their centre-half, Trevor Smith. Both these boys could be future internationals."

"In the Services they may be posted to units where they are the only Soccer professionals. It takes a tremendous amount of self-discipline to train along for those extra hours necessary to keep at peak fitness."

"Not that I, or any of the other managers who share my

views, have anything but praise for the co-operation League clubs already receive from the Services."

"They do everything humanly possible to help players and clubs under the present set-up."

"Change it, and of course there will be protests from people who resent footballers receiving preferential treatment."

"But I am not suggesting that footballers should evade their Service duties, merely that they can be combined with a scheme to boost England's Soccer prestige."

(London Express Service)

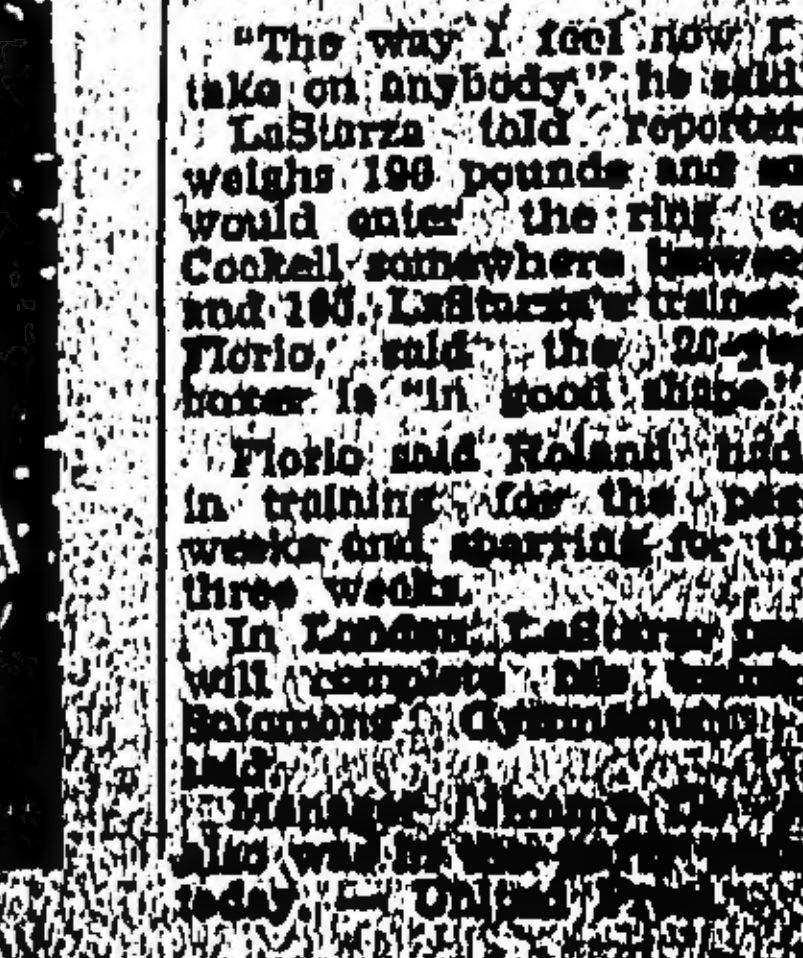
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## JAMES PARK VISITS NOEL MURLESS THE QUEEN WOULD BE DELIGHTED WITH LANDAU'S PRESENT APPEARANCE

The Queen, with an eye for a horse, would be delighted with the present appearance of her classic colt, Landau. The photograph on this page is eloquent testimony to well-being and robust health.

It may not convey the sheen on his coat, which is like polished ebony, or the compactness, symmetry and balance. The combination adds up to a well-nigh perfect model of the thoroughbred.

Landau was a good-looking two-year-old without being the finished article. His development during the winter has, I am sure, greatly pleased Noel Murless. I would not say the colt has grown a lot, but he is bigger than he looks.

Out at exercise he looked small compared with some of the others in the ring. In his box a close-up inspection reveals him to be more than 10 hands.

He is full of life and always on his toes. He has what is known as character and that is an asset usually found in the high-class thoroughbred.

Murless was prompt to catch any idea that the colt is other than an honest-taleness workman.

### ERADICATED

The only time he misbehaved was in his second race at Ascot.

That is regarded as just a passing phase.

To be candid, I was inclined to put a question mark—if only a little one—after Landau's name. I think it can now be eradicated.

He is not what could be called a free runner, but what I liked about him as a two-year-old was that he kept on finding a bit when it was required, and did no more than he was made to do.

That is what makes him difficult to weigh up accurately. After Ascot he did not meet any of the topnotchers, but the official estimate is that he is within 1lb. of the best of his age—eliminating The Pic King.

I have heard all sorts of stories about the dark ones in the stable.

I am not troubling about them until Landau has had a chance to prove himself on the racetrack.

I appreciate the promise and tremendous scope of some of the more backward ones, but none fills my eye to the same extent as Landau.

### NO DOUBT

Bred as he is, there should not be any doubt about Landau staying a mile and a half. I think that is also the opinion of Noel Murless.

It might be looking too far ahead, but I take the risk of being on good hiding to nothing in saying Sir Gordon Richards might make up for lost time by riding his second Derby winner in succession.

And after looking at the two-year-olds at Warren Place I don't mind taking a shade of odds that Sir Gordon will be bewitching us once more in 1955. He just couldn't retire with such an enticing prospect before him.

Plans for Landau are not definite. He will have an outing before the 2,000 Guineas, probably away from Newmarket.

Not until after the first of the season's classic races can his future be discussed with any certainty. I have already expressed the belief that he will go a long way. How wonderful if Landau could welcome the Queen back from her tour with a victory at Epsom on June 2.

(—London Express Service)



The Queen's colt Landau—well-nigh perfect.

## Sound-Track War

By DILYS POWELL

While in the cinema the public enjoy idyllic pleasures a bloody battle is raging in what Hollywood knows as the front office.

It began a couple of months ago, when an influential theatre-owner in America gave practical expression to his views on the stereophonic equipment of Cinemascope.

Perhaps I had better remind you that so far we in England have seen three attempts at changing the traditional aspect of the films: 3-D or "pop-out" pictures, which are spectacles must be worn; the wide screen, which, widening the rectangle makes it slightly concave and rather more than one and a half times as broad as it is high; and Cinemascope, which deepens the curve, makes the width two and a half times the height, and adds stereophonic or as it is called directional sound. In Cinemascope up now three films only have been shown here: "The Robe," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," and "Beneath the Twelve-Mile Reef."

But to get back to the battlefield, Mr. Reade, for that is the American exhibitor's name, decided that in small theatres at least there was no room for the installation of Cinemascope's stereophonic sound, which uses four magnetic sound-tracks and a number of loud-speakers in the attempt to make the dialogue proceed from the direction of the players involved, whether on or off screen.

No doubt Mr. Reade felt, as I do, that it was merely distracting to hear a voice suddenly booming from the emergency exit or the point in the auditorium marked Gentlemen. Anyhow, in one of his cinemas, by using a "mixer" to channel the four tracks into a single loud-speaker, he succeeded in turning stereophonic sound back into old-fashioned, non-directional, take-it-as-it-comes sound, thereby saving himself the installation of extra speakers and a great deal of money.

This simple but effective retool to progress made no appeal to the sponsors of Cinemascope. Twentieth Century-Fox, who from the start have insisted that the complete equipment—full stereophonic sound and what is modestly

called the Miracle Mirror screen—is essential to their films. No stereophonic sound, no supply of films, said Fox; and in the consequent wrangle negotiations were threatened, comparative tests of stereophonic and ordinary sound were arranged and disarranged, and all parties looked equally misunderstood.

From the weekly American commentary of "The Cinema" I gather that Mr. Reade has now made a tactical retreat by agreeing under protest to put the full Cinemascope trimmings in all his theatres. But the war is still on.

Meanwhile, in England a distressing lack of docility among exhibitors is evident. To begin with Mr. Rank and his party, who are committed to equipping seventy-five cinemas, have refused to install stereophonic sound in any more. No stereophonic sound, no Cinemascope, say Fox again; and since the company are making all their films in Cinemascope this must mean the end of the arrangement by which the Rank circuits have for years had first go at Twentieth Century-Fox's films.

Fox therefore proceed to offer the delights of Cinemascope on the open market; the independent exhibitor, in fact, has his chance at last. But the exhibitor cannot afford three or four thousand pounds to re-equip his theatre. Even if he is allowed to use some other form of wide screen and given credit (which Fox seem inclined to offer) he still feels he cannot afford it. What is more, he suspects that he is being manoeuvred into a position where he can be dictated to.

### ALWAYS THE DANGER

For there is always the danger that other American companies, for instance Warner and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, who are adopting Cinemascope, will deliver the same ultimatum: stereophonic sound or nothing.

More and more Cinemascope films are being planned; there is talk of a Cinemascope newsreel, and in America as well as in Britain exhibitors are afraid that soon there will be too few of the old-fashioned films to go round.

To make sure of a show-window Twentieth Century-Fox have taken over two cinemas in the West End, the Carlton and the Odéon, Marble Arch, where once the quota for British films has been satisfied, nothing but Cinemascope will be seen.

Now another big American company, Paramount, have announced a new system which, they say, binds nobody to anything, which is cheaper, which will turn out wide films, narrow films, stereophonic sound, ordinary sound, which will in fact do everything but fill in the tax form.

In the circumstances one can understand the British exhibitor's decision to wait and see. Audiences worry little about systems, and a friend of mine came away from "Shane," a four-by-three film shown on a wide screen, under the impression that shape and sound were the same as with Cinemascope's stereophonic "How to Marry a Millionaire."

### HKFC TEAM

The following will represent Club in their first Division soccer match against Eastern tomorrow at 3 p.m. at Club: Campbell, Armstrong, Tarpey, MacDonald, Farrow, Falconer, Jones, King, and Ferguson. Reserves: Sutherland, Pickering, Jones, and Mackenzie.

In the front offices the sawn-off shot-guns are out. But I have yet to meet an unbiased member of the public who finds in stereophony anything more than a slight pain in the ears.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

Melbourne, Mar. 17.

The Duke of Edinburgh has accepted an honorary life membership of the Melbourne Cricket Club. The Club Secretary, Mr. Vernon Ransford, revealed that the gold medal of life membership was presented to the Duke of Edinburgh during his visit here.

In accepting the medal, the Duke said he would probably use it at the Olympic Games in 1956. There are only 11 life members of the Club, and they include the Duke of Windsor, the Duke of Gloucester and three members of English teams who had visited Australia—Mr. G. L. Jessop, Mr. N. F. Bruce and Mr. J. R. Mason. —China Mail Special.

Adelaide, Mar. 16.

Bill Ferguson, veteran baggage manager of touring cricket teams, left here by plane for Sydney today and will not complete the present tour with the New Zealanders.

He is to have a medical overhaul. He is reported to be having trouble with one of his legs and this may be his last appearance as baggage manager with a touring team. —China Mail Special.

Melbourne, Mar. 17.

Australia's Test opening bowler, "Bert" Johnston, will marry his hostess Miss Judith Butler at St. Peter's Church of England, Eastern Hill, Melbourne, late today. —China Mail Special.

### GREATEST MILE?

Vancouver, Mar. 17. The greatest mile run in athletics history may be seen in the British Empire and Commonwealth games here this summer. This has been made possible by the nomination of John Landy in Australia's team. Landy, Britain's Roger Bannister and New Zealand's Murray Halberg, who are all expected to compete, are runners close to the coveted four-minute mile.

Landy and Bannister have both clocked 4 minutes 2 seconds and Halberg last month did four minutes 4.4 seconds in Auckland. —China Mail Special.

London, Mar. 17.

No boxers from the Soviet Union or satellite countries are included in the European amateur boxing team to meet the United States in the Golden Gloves contests on May 20 and 25.

Poland (5), the Soviet Union (2) and East Germany (1) won titles in the European Championships in Warsaw last May. These and all other member federations of the International Amateur Boxing Association were asked to nominate boxers but some declined and others did not reply at all. —China Mail Special.

Saranac Lake, New York.

Mar. 16. Michael Egan, 75, who claimed to be the "undefeated" handball champion of the world, died yesterday. —United Press.

## SANDY SADDLER WILL BE BACK NEXT MONTH AMONG THE FEATHERWEIGHTS

New York, Mar. 16.

Sandy Saddler gets out of the U.S. Army in April and his tune-up bouts after that will be watched closely to see if the World Featherweight Champion is finished as a top-rank boxer.

Saddler gave promise of being a really great fighter as he slashed his way to the title in 1948, lost it in 1949 and regained it in 1950, but his performances in 1951 and 1952 until he went into the Army were disappointing.

In 1950, three months after he beat Willie Pep in a title match, Saddler lost a 10-round decision to Del Finigan, who was in command all the way. In 1951 Saddler lost twice to Paddy DeMarco, a rough, brawling battler with no finesse and not much punching power, and in 1952 Sandy lost a 10-round decision to George Arango, lost on a disqualification to Armand Savic and kayoed Tommy Collins before entering service.

Of course, Sandy won nine bouts by kayo in 1951 plus two decisions, but many of the bouts were tainted by rough, dirty fighting unworthy of a champion. The Pep-Saddler brawl in September of 1951 was so dirty that both men were suspended by the New York Commission.

### TOOK MANY PUNCHES

Sandy now is stationed at an Army base in New York City, so he recently boxed at Madison Square Garden about against Bill Bossio, seven inches shorter than the champion. Saddler won on a kayo after nine rounds, but took many punches en route to victory.

"I felt real good, but Bossio was hard to hit," explained Sandy.

"Sandy did not look good," admitted manager Charley Johnston. "But, after all, it was his first fight in 22 months. He will need three or four tune-ups before defending his title."

Not all the experts believe the 27-year-old Saddler will ever regain the form he showed in 1948-49. In those years he was a slashing, clean-punching, fast-punching fighter. He rarely clinched, and he rarely was warned by the referee for any infractions.

Later in his career he was constantly in trouble with the referee for low blows, wrestling and other improper actions.

It remains to be seen if Saddler can revert to his earlier form. Sandy himself insists he will be as good as ever after his tune-ups.

"I need the fights to get back into shape and to get my timing right," he said. "Then I will be ready for any of them."

—United Press.

## Army 'B' End Season With Great Record

The Army 'B' XI has completed its fixture list with the record of 20 games played and 20 games won. Highest scores, each made in 112 minutes, were 202 for 4 wickets declared against IRC and 230 for 4 wickets declared against University. The highest score against the Army 'B' XI was 176 by Recreation but Army won this game by 7 wickets, scoring the runs in 21 overs.

In this game Captain Petty made 100; 2/Lt Cochrane made 108 not out against University. The Army have averaged 21.5 runs per wicket against their opponents 7.7 and have scored at the rate of 0 runs an over to their opponents 3.6.

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Maj Bennett	42	3	1 100 n.o. 27.5
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2/Lt Thorpe	120	8	0 87 25.8
Maj Budge	89	6	1 71 24.6
2/Lt Dewar	206	11	0 1 20.4
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Maj Evans	84	8	24 217 41 5.7
Maj Bennett	42	3	1 100 19 4.4
Maj Bennett	164	2	0 12 5.7
Maj McCosh	112	12	190 20 0.9
Capt Clark	484	1	171 24 7.2
Capt Dewar	207	2	140 17 8.0



Noel Murless (on horseback) who is training the Queen's two-year-old colt, Landau, is seen here at his stables at Warren Place, Newmarket.

Mr Murless is pleased with the colt's development during the winter and said that he has never given the slightest trouble in or out of the stable. — Express Photo.

## "I REGRET THE DAY I LEFT ARSENAL"

Says RAY DANIEL

(The Wales, Sunderland and ex-Arsenal centre-half tells of the mistake he made in leaving Highbury for Roker Park last summer).

I have nothing whatever against the Sunderland club beyond anger at being dropped from the team after we were knocked out of the Cup by Doncaster at Roker Park, I want to make that quite clear. I admit I resented that decision, I think it was unfair, but that alone would not make me insist on a move South.

I have not been able to settle down at Roker Park. The defensive system is so different from the one I was used to at Highbury. I am not blaming individual players, I blame the system. It has been the cause of my troubles and unhappiness.

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At Highbury all of us in the defence knew that if one made a mistake someone would bob up and all would be well. I am afraid I can't say the same up here.

So you will appreciate my feelings when I say I have come to the conclusion that I was wrong to leave Highbury. That was an unhappy decision, and I'm sorry.

I feel I am being blamed unduly for the position Sunderland find themselves in, fourth from the foot of the table and in danger of going down for the first time in the club's history.

I am shirking no responsibility and readily admit my share of our failures. But I think I have had to shoulder much more than my share of criticism.

I think the transfer business has a lot to do with the plight I find myself in. It is a terrific ordeal for a defender to play up to his prior tag, especially mine. What was that? £30,000? I just don't know.

NOT SUCH AN ORDEAL

It's not such an ordeal for forwards. They can, by making or scoring goals, repay or show some reason for a big fee. With defenders it's different. They can't wash out blunders by a goal or a share in one. One mistake and you're out.

I know lots of people will say: "I told you so" when they read I've made two requests to the club for a transfer in my first season with Sunderland.

Well, I can't help it, for there is another very good reason for wanting to move South—my wife Joyce.

She is expecting our first baby in June and you won't wonder that she wants to be near her home in Swansea. Sunderland is an awful long way from Wales for a girl in her position.

We both are thankful to the Sunderland directors for providing us with a lovely house and doing everything they possibly can to make us happy, and for this reason it was a big decision to take to ask to leave. I am nearly demoralized that I have not been as successful as I had hoped and thus been able to repay them and Mr. Bill Murray, the manager, for their kindness and confidence.

But if I could turn the clock back one year and find myself back at Highbury my troubles would be over.

P.S. From Sunderland chairman Mr. E.W. Ditchburn: "We shall not transfer Daniel. We think he is still a fine player, and needs one or two top-class games, and a win or two to restore his old Arsenal confidence."

## FOURTH TEST STARTS TODAY

Port-of-Spain, Mar. 16. Trevor Bailey is expected to make his first appearance as an England Test opening batsman tomorrow, when the fourth Test against the West Indies begins here.

England's team, in probable batting order, will be: L. Hutton, F. Bailey, P. May, D. Compton, W. Watson, T. G. Evans (or R. T. Spooner), J. Laker, G. A. R. Lock, F. Trueman and J. Statham.

Bailey proved a most successful opening batsman in the MCC second innings against Trinidad yesterday. Godfrey Evans may not be fit to get wicket because of a boil on his foot, but if he plays England's team will show only one change from the side which won the third Test, fast bowler Freddie Trueman replacing spinner Johnny Wardle.

The West Indies who lead by two matches to one, have nominated the following 12: J. Stollmeyer, J. Holt, B. Palaudseu, F. Worrell, E. Weekes, C. Walcott, D. Atkinson, E. McWatt, B. Ramadhin, A. Valentine, F. King and W. Ferguson. All except Palaudseu, King and Ferguson played in the third Test. —China Mail Special.



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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 6th March, 1954 to the 19th March, 1954, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, A. SOMMERFELT, Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th Feb., 1954.

## NOTICE

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All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated this 16th day of March, 1954.

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### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-First Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, the 18th day of March, 1954, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1953, and the Balance Sheet as at that date and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Transfers of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 6th day of March, to Thursday, the 18th day of March, 1954, both days inclusive.

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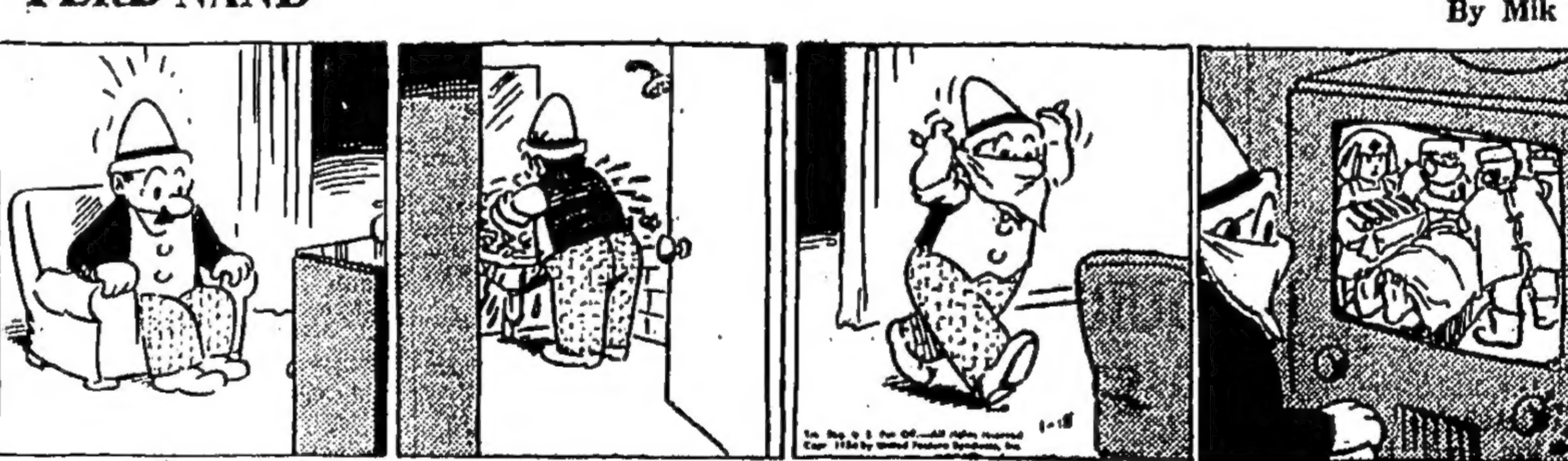
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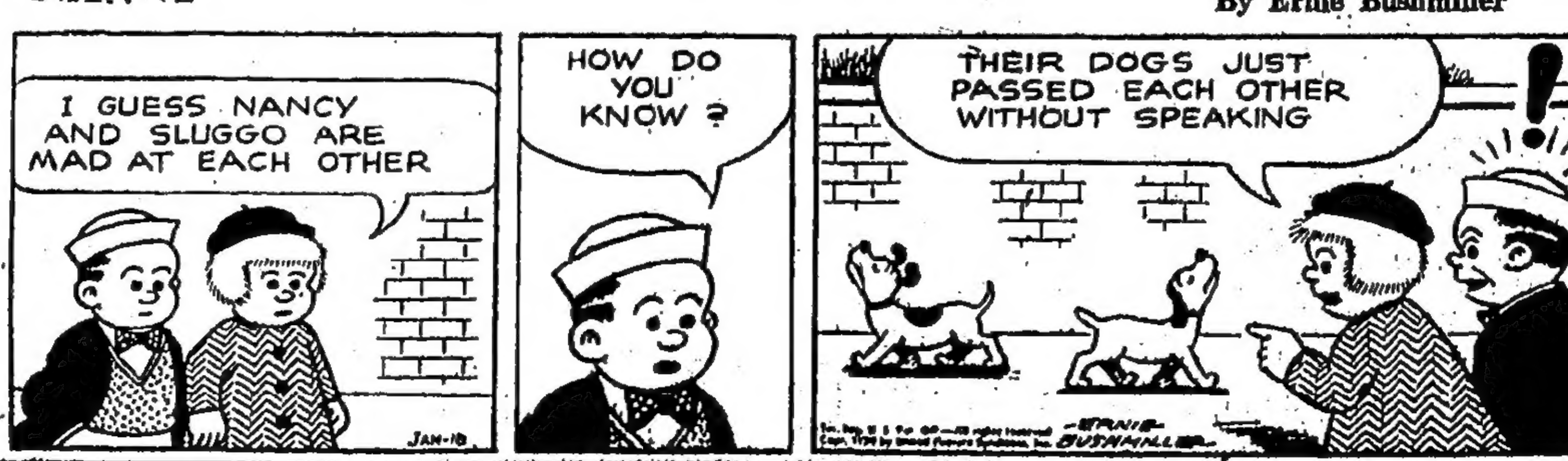
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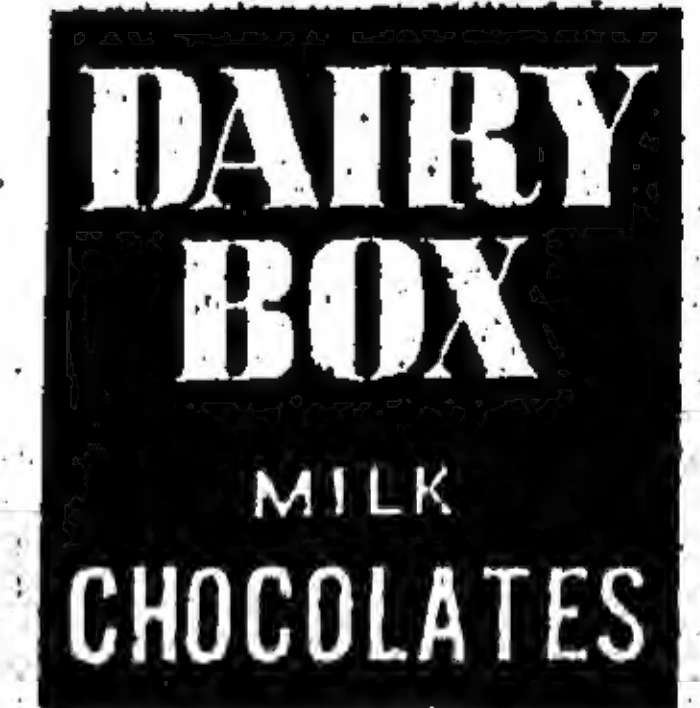
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Japan, 6 p.m.  
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Indo-China, 3 p.m.  
Malaya, 3 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

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By Air  
India, Ceylon, 6 a.m.  
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.  
Japan, Noon  
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By Sea  
China, People's Republic, 8:30 a.m.  
India, Pakistan, Noon.  
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Philippines, Rabaul, Australia, New Zealand, 3 p.m.  
Malaya, 3 p.m.  
Indo-China, 3 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

## DENIAL DENIED

London, Mar. 16.  
British official sources maintained tonight that the Egyptian government had indeed approached the British government for a resumption of talks on the Suez Canal zone, following the denial today by the Egyptian Vice-Premier, Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, that such overtures had taken place.  
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